





# **DRUG ABSORPTION AND BIOAVAILABILITY**



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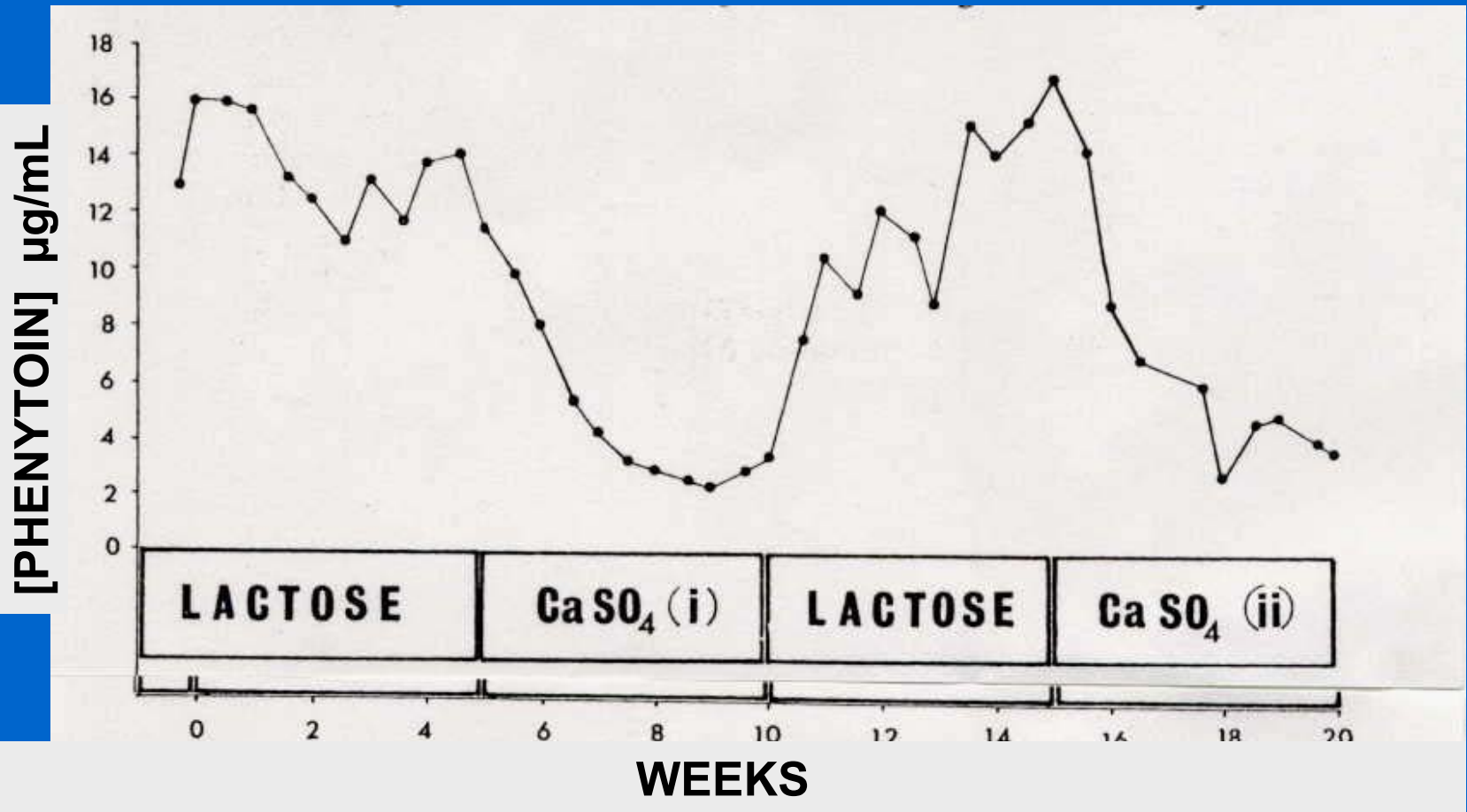
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# CHANGE IN PHENYTOIN EXCIPIENTS RESULTS IN EPIDEMIC TOXICITY\*

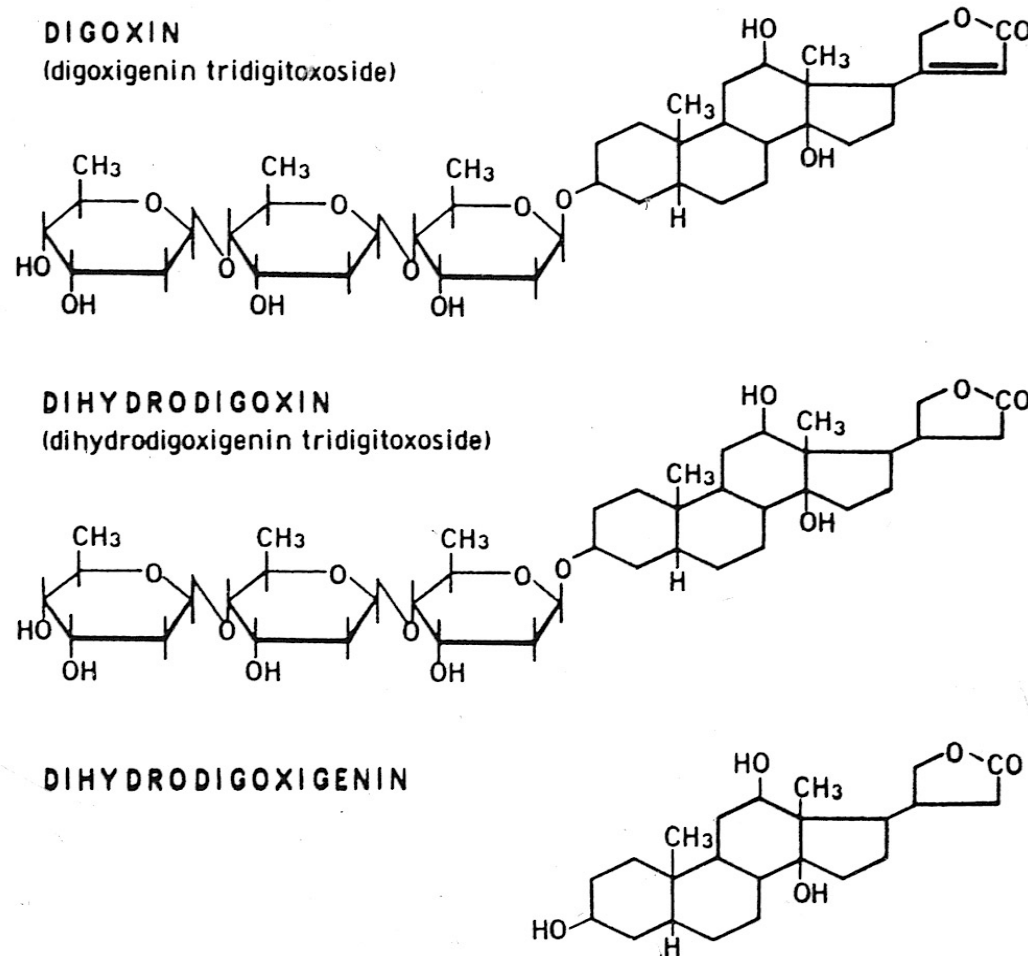


\* Bochner F, et al. Proc Aust Assoc Neurol 1973;9:165-70

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# ENTERIC METABOLISM OF DIGOXIN



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# MECHANISMS OF DRUG ABSORPTION

- PASSIVE NON-IONIC DIFFUSION
  - PRIMARY MECHANISM
- SPECIALIZED TRANSPORT MECHANISMS
  - LARGE NEUTRAL AMINO ACID TRANSPORTER  
(*L-DOPA,  $\alpha$ -METHYLDOPA, BACLOFEN*)
  - OLIGOPEPTIDE TRANSPORTER  
(*AMINO- $\beta$ -LACTAMS, ACE INHIBITORS*)
  - MONOCARBOXILIC ACID TRANSPORTER  
(*SALICYLIC ACID, PRAVASTATIN*)



# FALLACIES CONCERNING GASTRIC ABSORPTION OF DRUGS

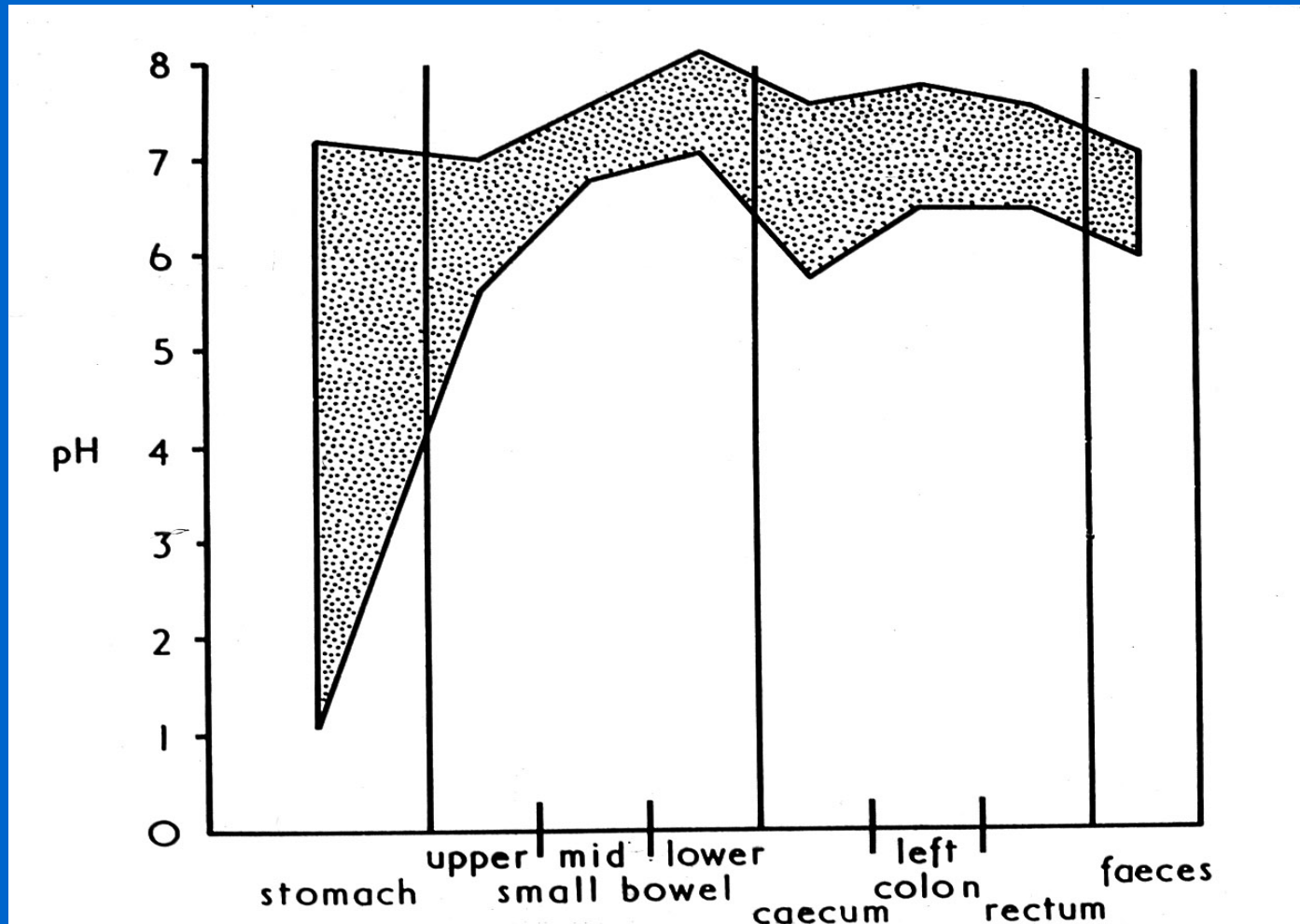
- ACIDIC DRUGS ARE ABSORBED IN THE STOMACH, BASIC DRUGS ARE ABSORBED IN THE SMALL INTESTINE
- GASTRIC pH IS ALWAYS ACIDIC

# ASPIRIN ABSORPTION FROM STOMACH AND SMALL INTESTINE\*

TABLE 1: ASPIRIN (ASA) ABSORPTION FROM SIMULTANEOUSLY PERFUSED STOMACH AND SMALL INTESTINE (3)			
pH	ASA ABSORPTION (micromol/100 mg protein/hr)		ASA SERUM LEVEL (mg/100 ml)
	STOMACH	SMALL BOWEL	
3.5	346	469	20.6
6.5	0	424	19.7

\* From: Hollander D, et al. J Lab Clin Med 1981;98:591-8

# VARIATION IN INTESTINAL pH



# PATTERNS OF GASTRIC MOTOR ACTIVITY

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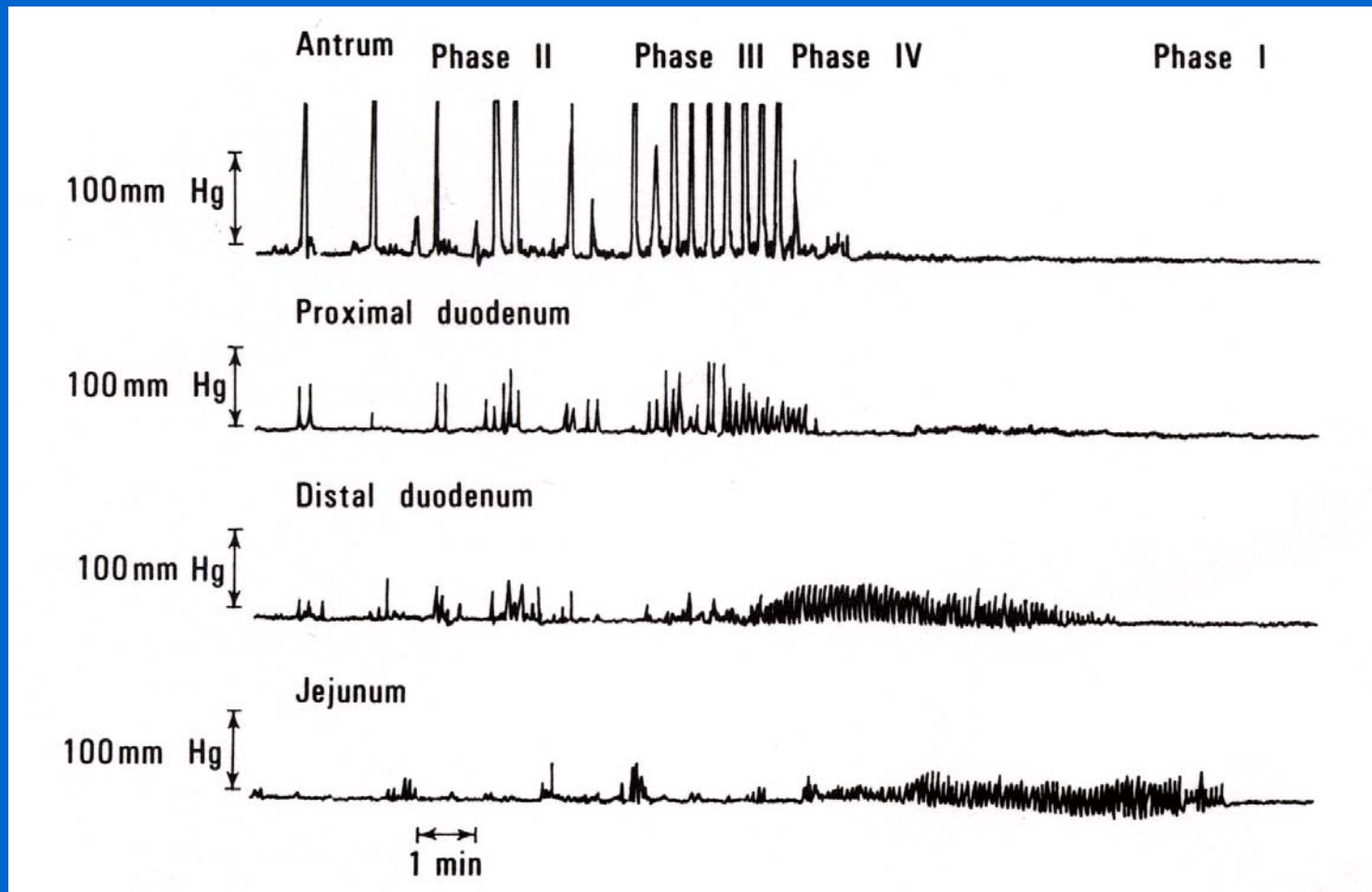
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PHASE 3 - MAJOR MOTOR COMPLEX BURST

PHASE 4 - TRANSITION PERIOD

# HUMAN INTERDIGESTIVE MOTOR ACTIVITY\*

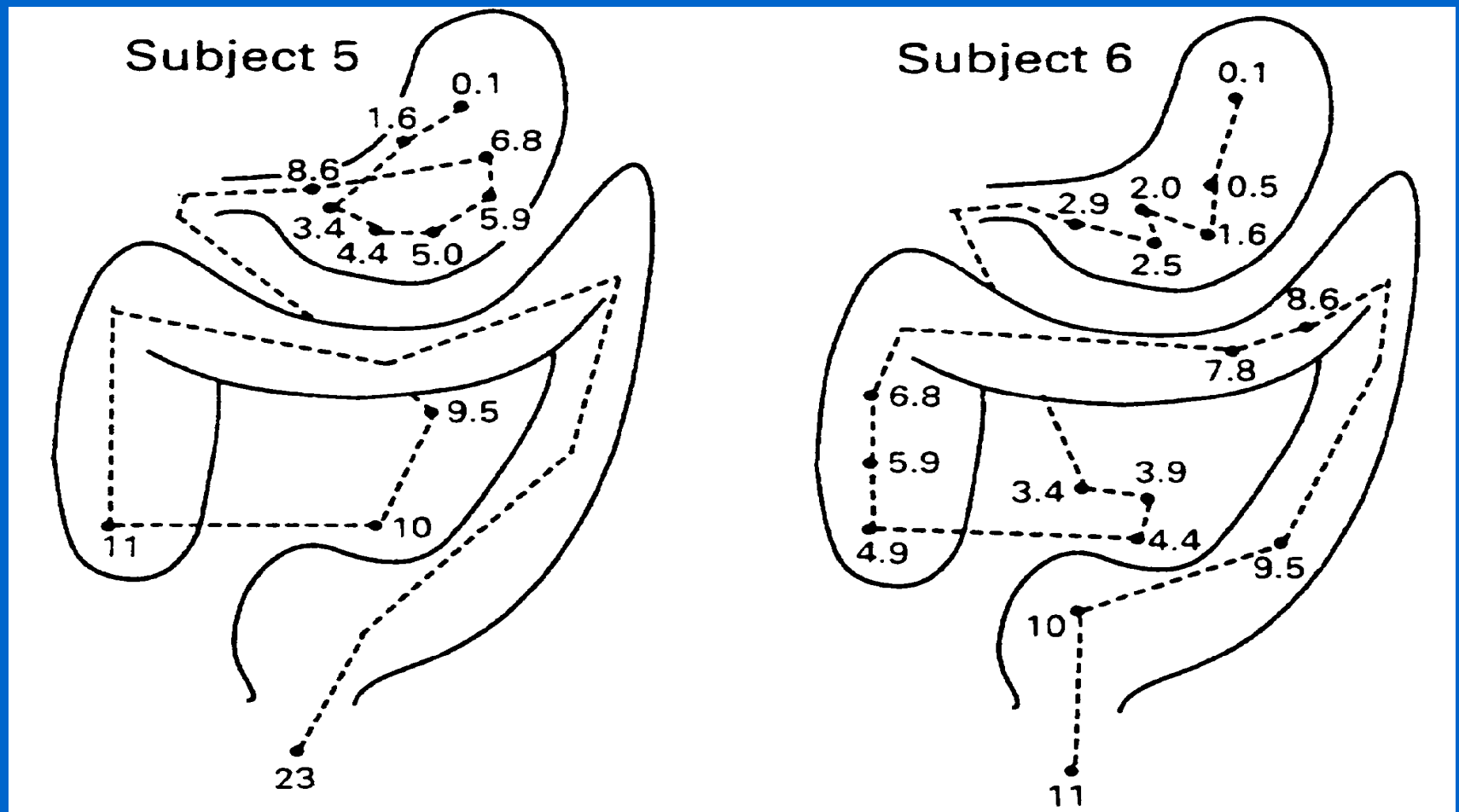


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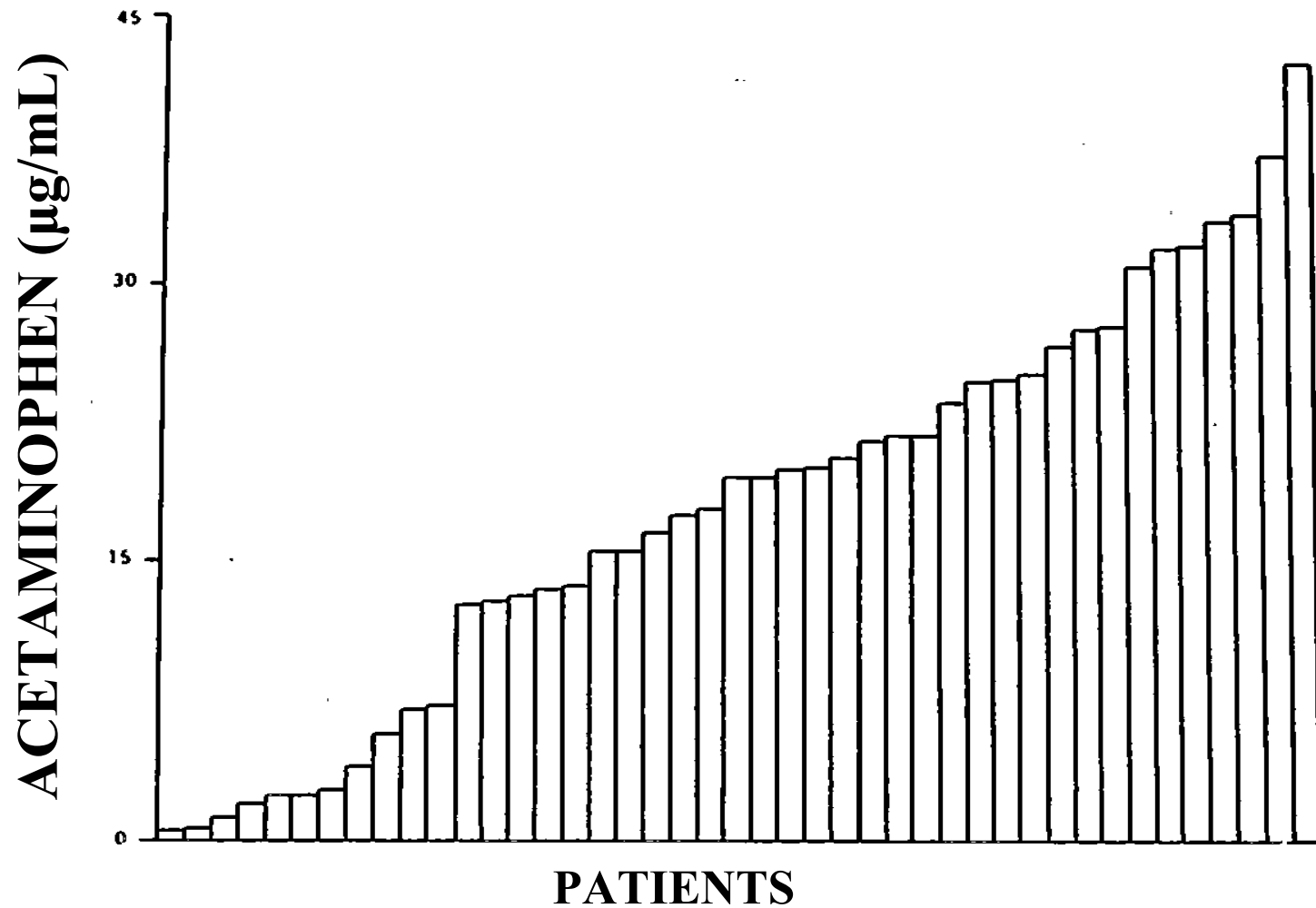
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- **POST PRANDIAL (*UP TO 10 HR DELAY*)**
  - PYLORUS CONSTRICTED
  - ANTRAL CONTRACTIONS REDUCE PARTICLE SIZE

# GI TRANSIT OF A SUSTAINED-RELEASE CARBAMAZEPINE FORMULATION\*



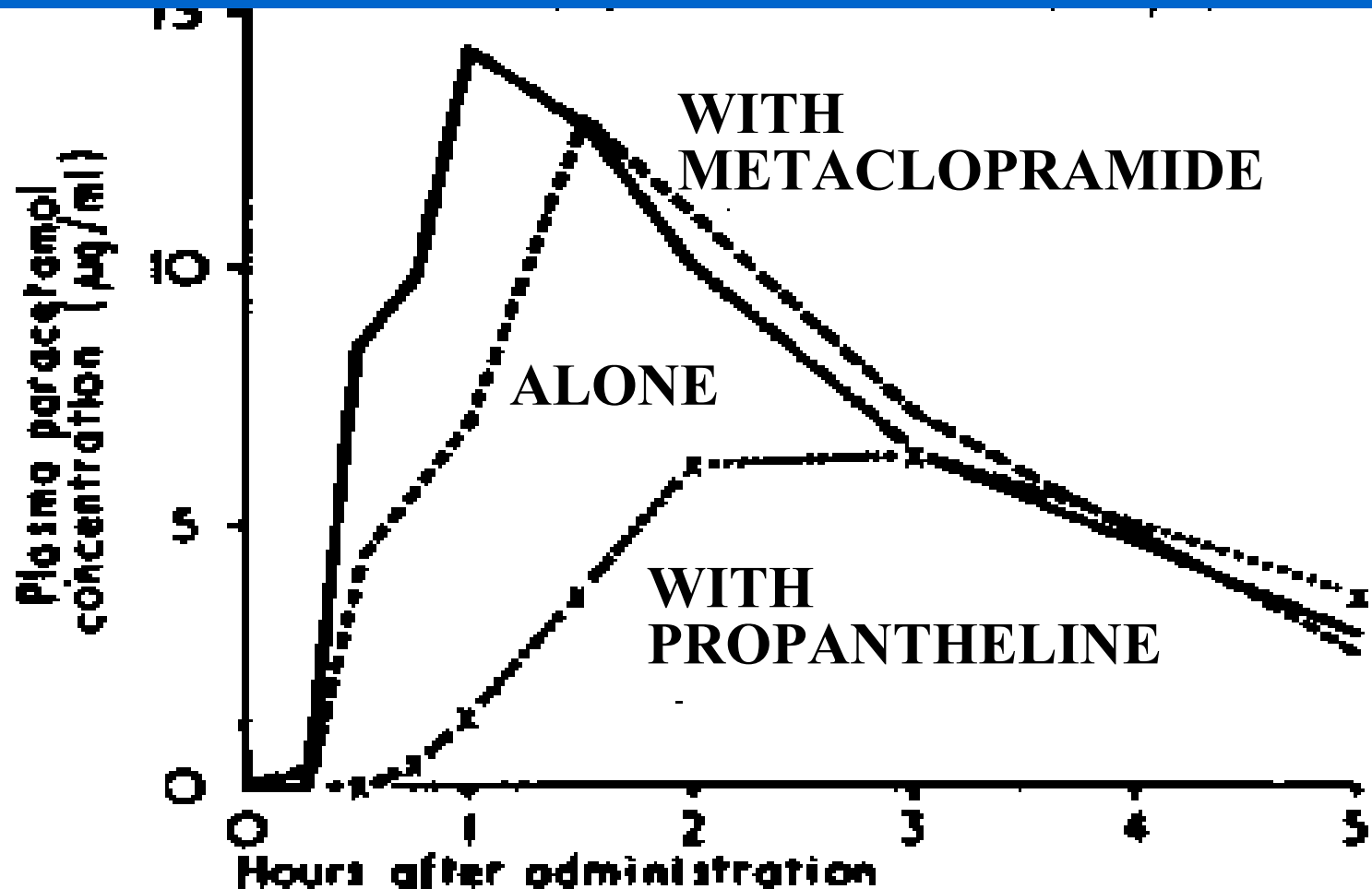
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# VARIATION IN PEAK ACETAMINOPHEN LEVELS



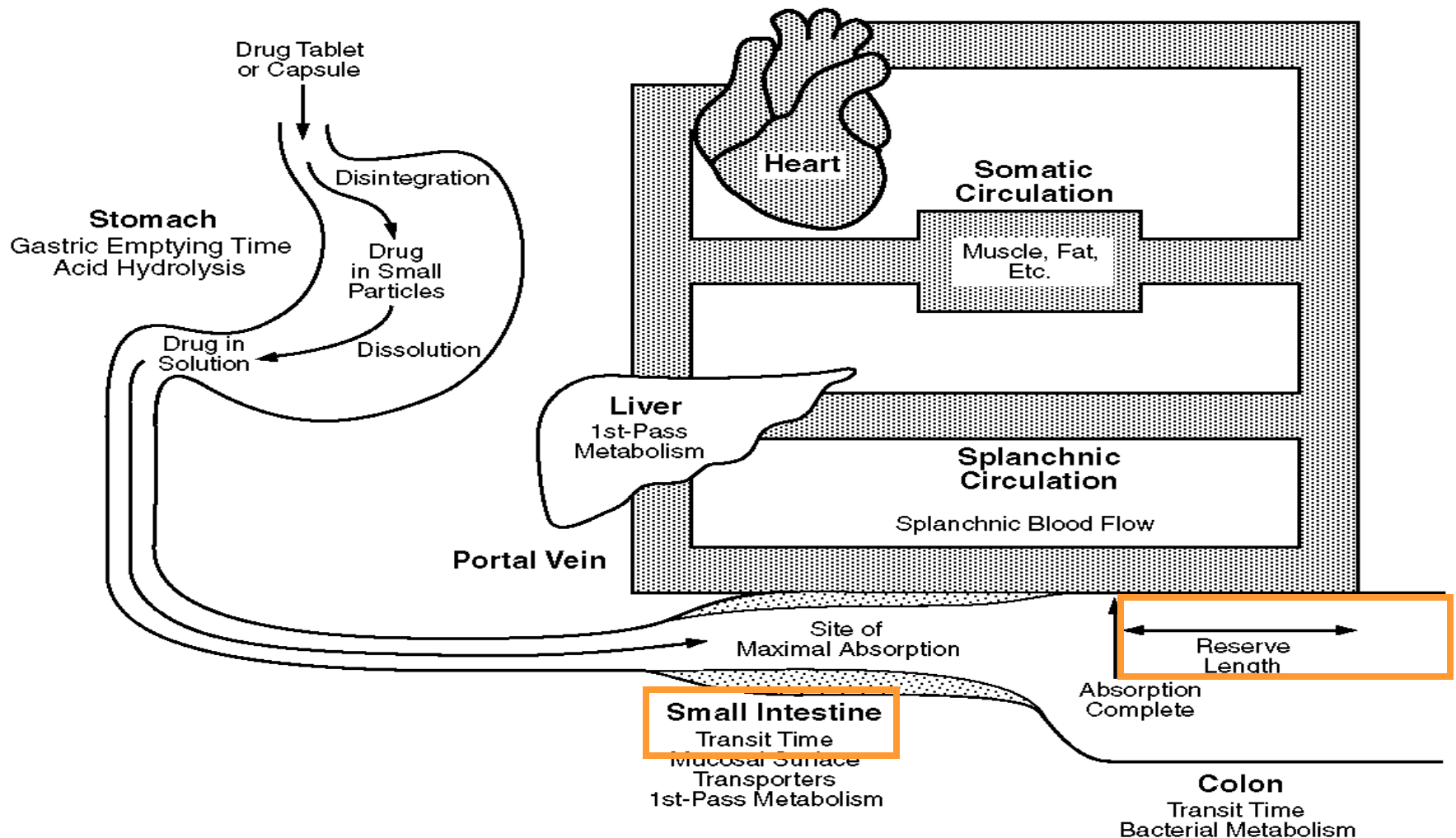


# GASTRIC EMPTYING RATE AFFECTS ACETAMINOPHEN ABSORPTION\*



\*From: Nimmo J, et al. Br Med J 1973;1:587-9.

# FACTORS AFFECTING RATE AND EXTENT OF DRUG ABSORPTION

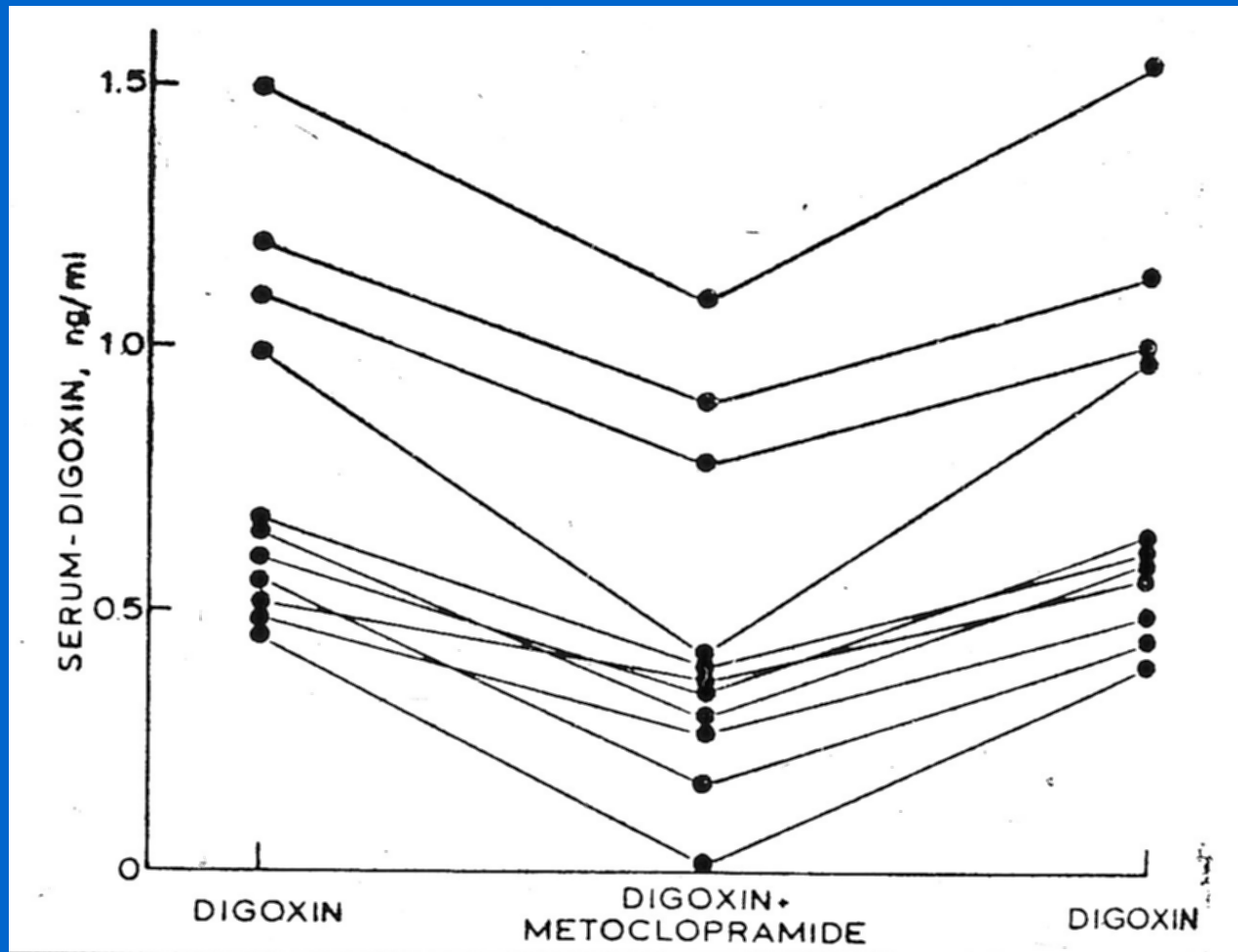


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# RESERVE LENGTH

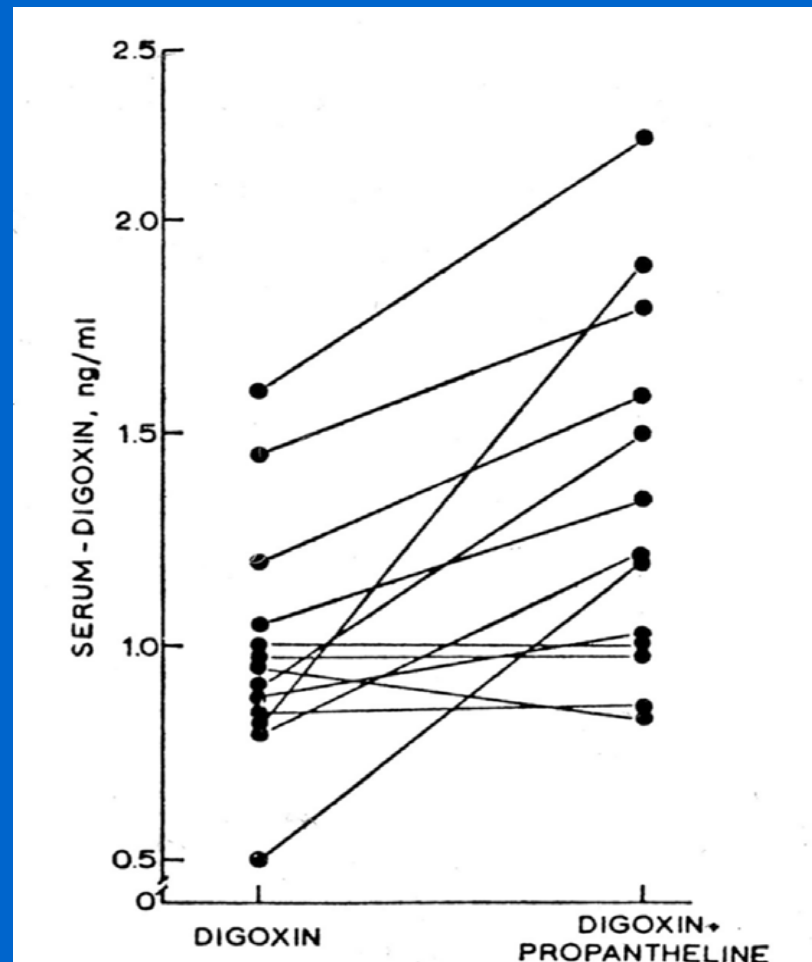
RESERVE LENGTH IS THE ANATOMICAL LENGTH OVER WHICH ABSORPTION OF A DRUG CAN OCCUR *MINUS* THE LENGTH AT WHICH ABSORPTION IS COMPLETE

# EFFECT OF METACLOPRAMIDE ON DIGOXIN ABSORPTION\*

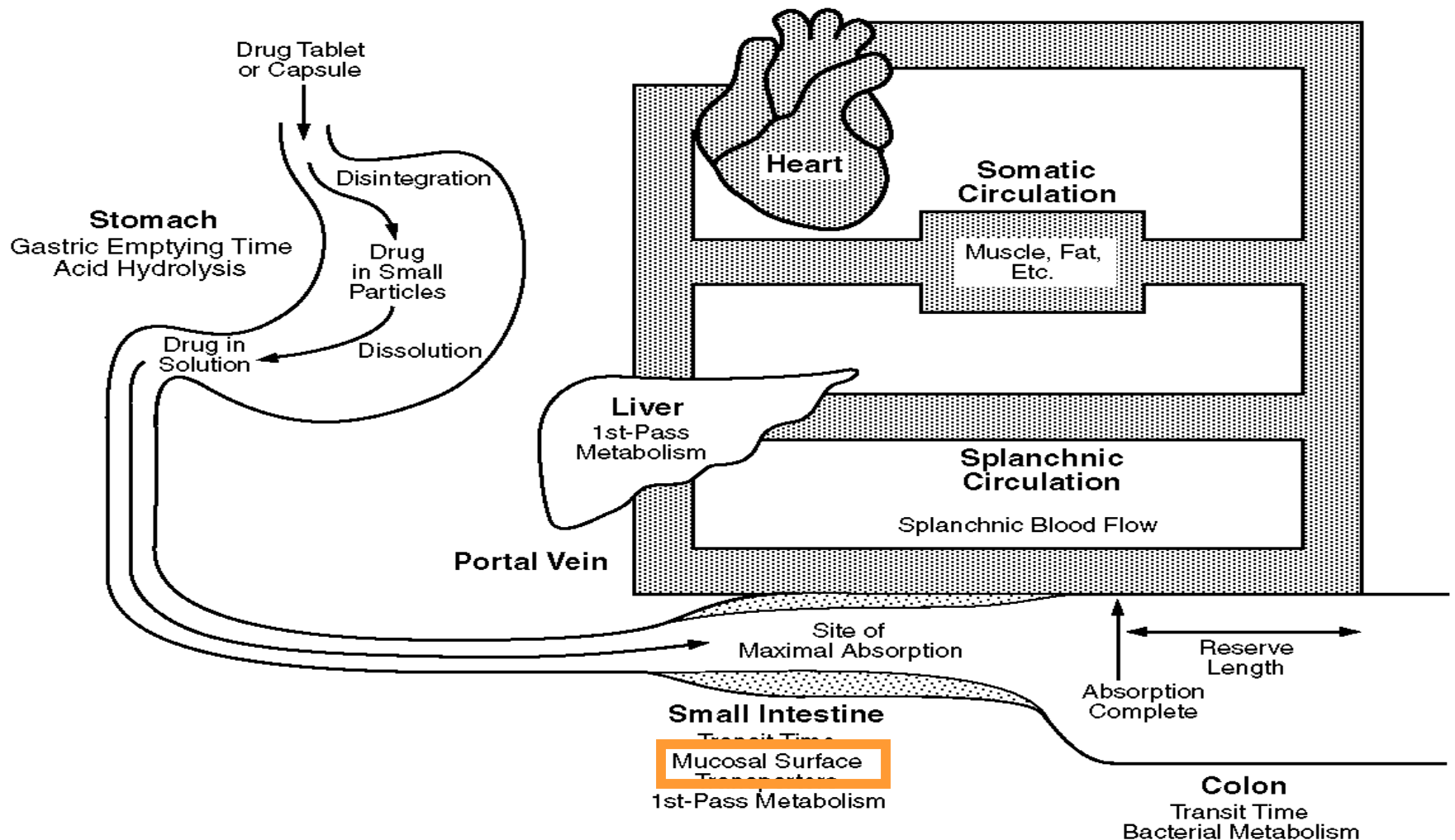


\*From: Manninen V, et al. Lancet 1973;1:398-99.

# EFFECT OF PROPANTHELINE ON DIGOXIN ABSORPTION\*



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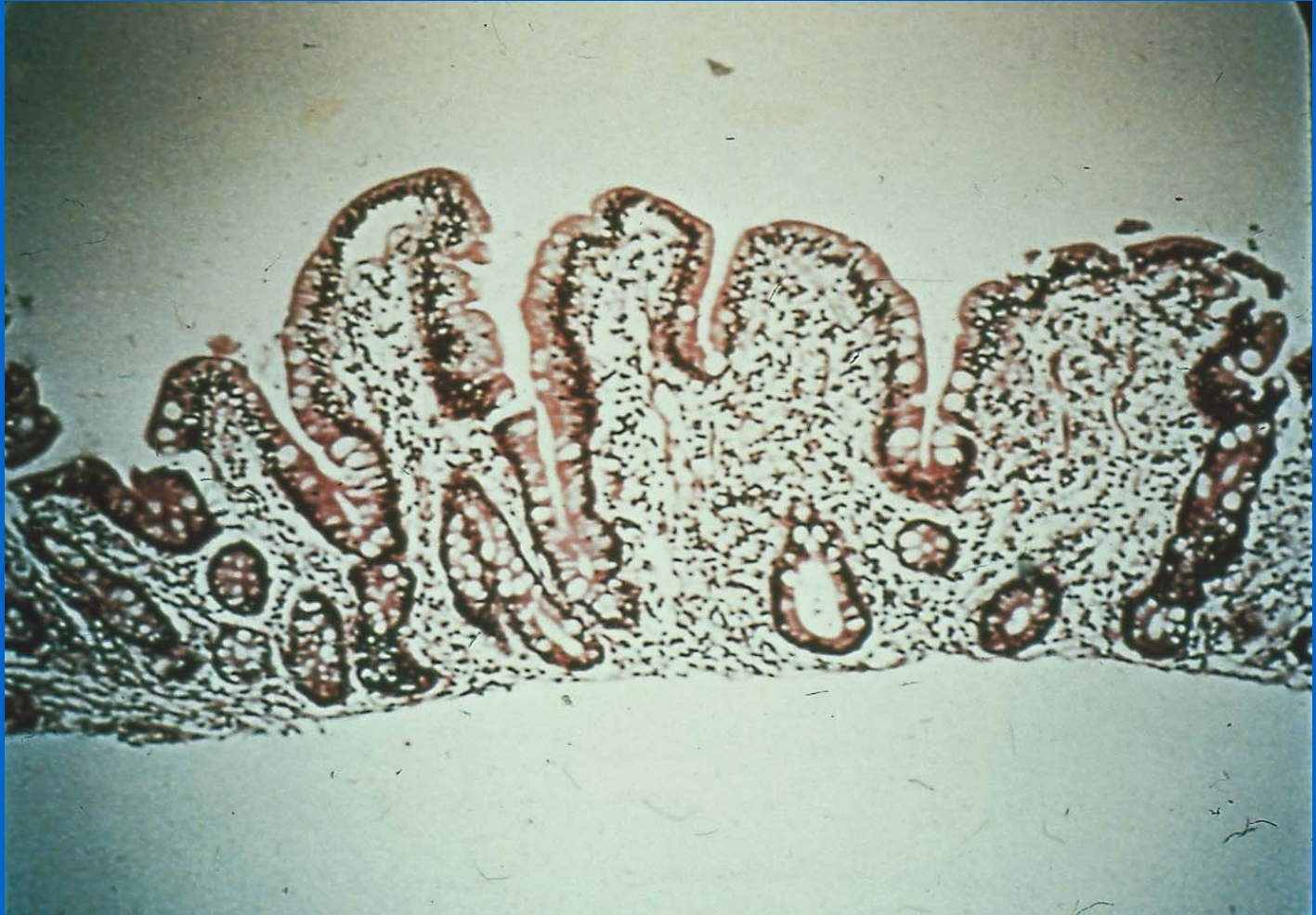




# NORMAL INTESTINAL VILLI



# BROAD INTERSTITIAL VILLI IN PATIENT WITH SPRUE





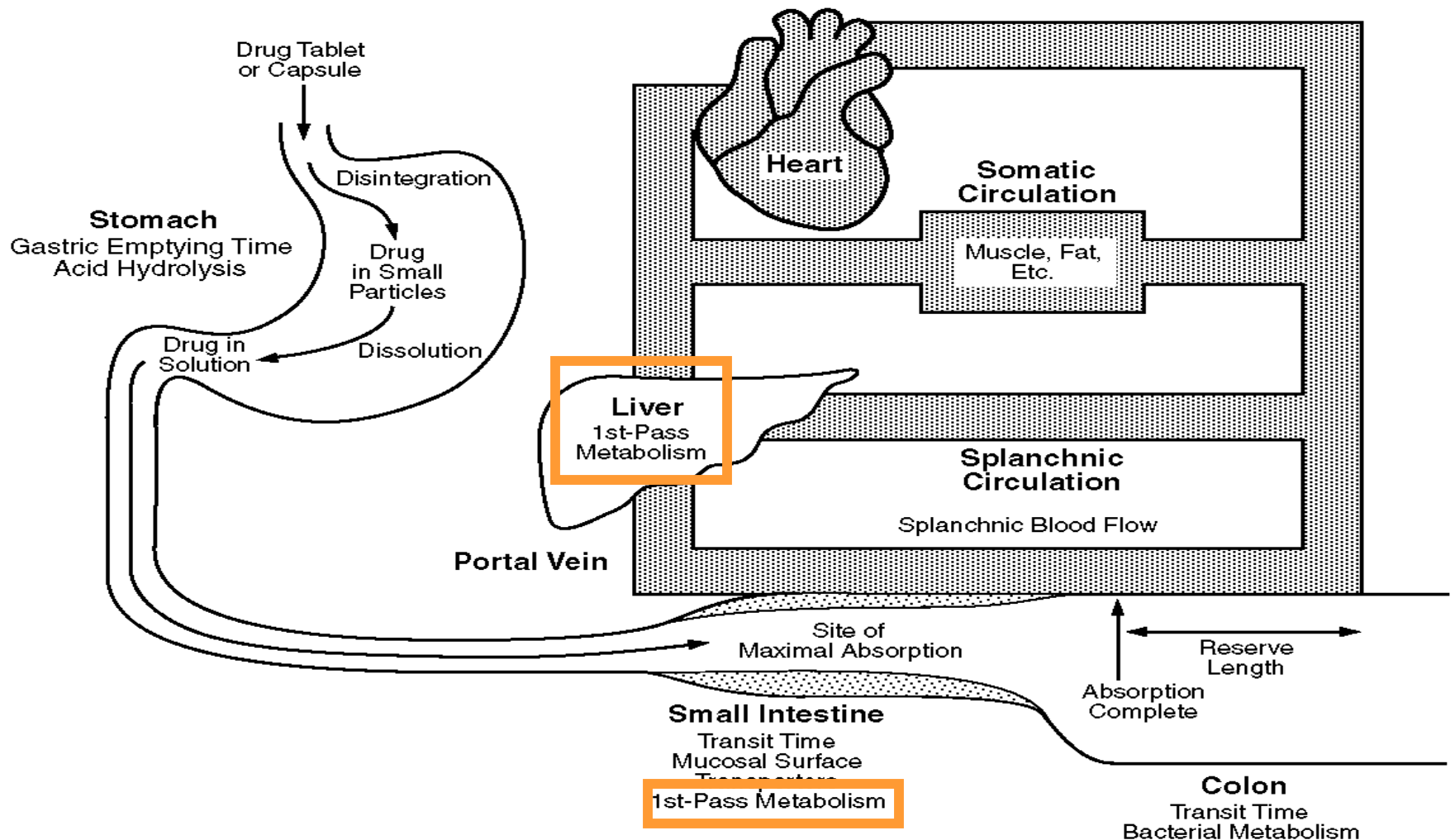
# DIGOXIN LEVELS IN PATIENTS WITH INTESTINAL MALABSORPTION\*

	CONTROLS	MALABSORPTION
[DIGOXIN] (ng/mL)	$1.3 \pm 0.3$	$0.4 \pm 0.3$
URINE D-XYLOSE EXCRETION (gm/5 hr)	$5 - 8^{\dagger}$	$1.1 - 4.1$

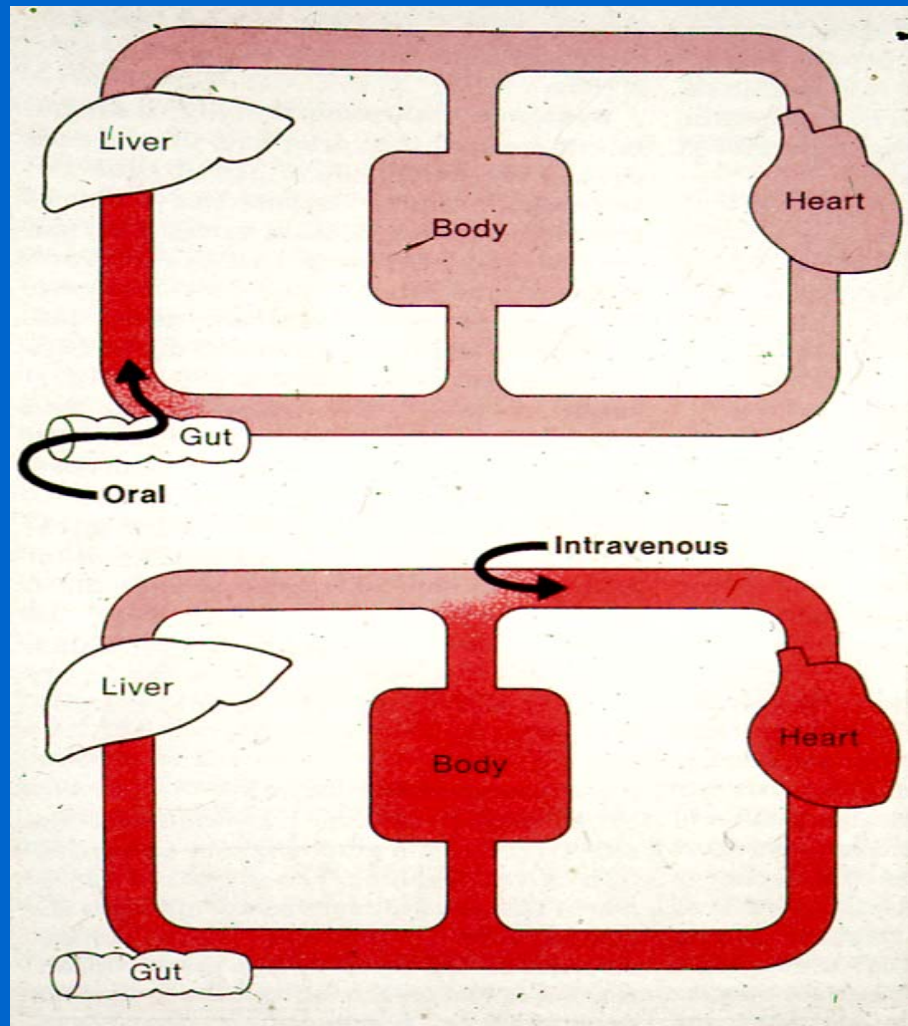
$^{\dagger}$  NORMAL RANGE

\* From: Heizer WD, et al. N Engl J Med 1971;285:257-9.

# FACTORS AFFECTING RATE AND EXTENT OF DRUG ABSORPTION



# FIRST-PASS METABOLISM



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## **DRUGS WITH FIRST-PASS METABOLISM OR P-GLYCOPROTEIN TRANSPORT**

**ALDOSTERONE**

**MORPHINE**

**CYCLOSPORINE**

**NORTRIPTYLINE**

**ISOPROTERENOL**

**ORGANIC NITRATES**

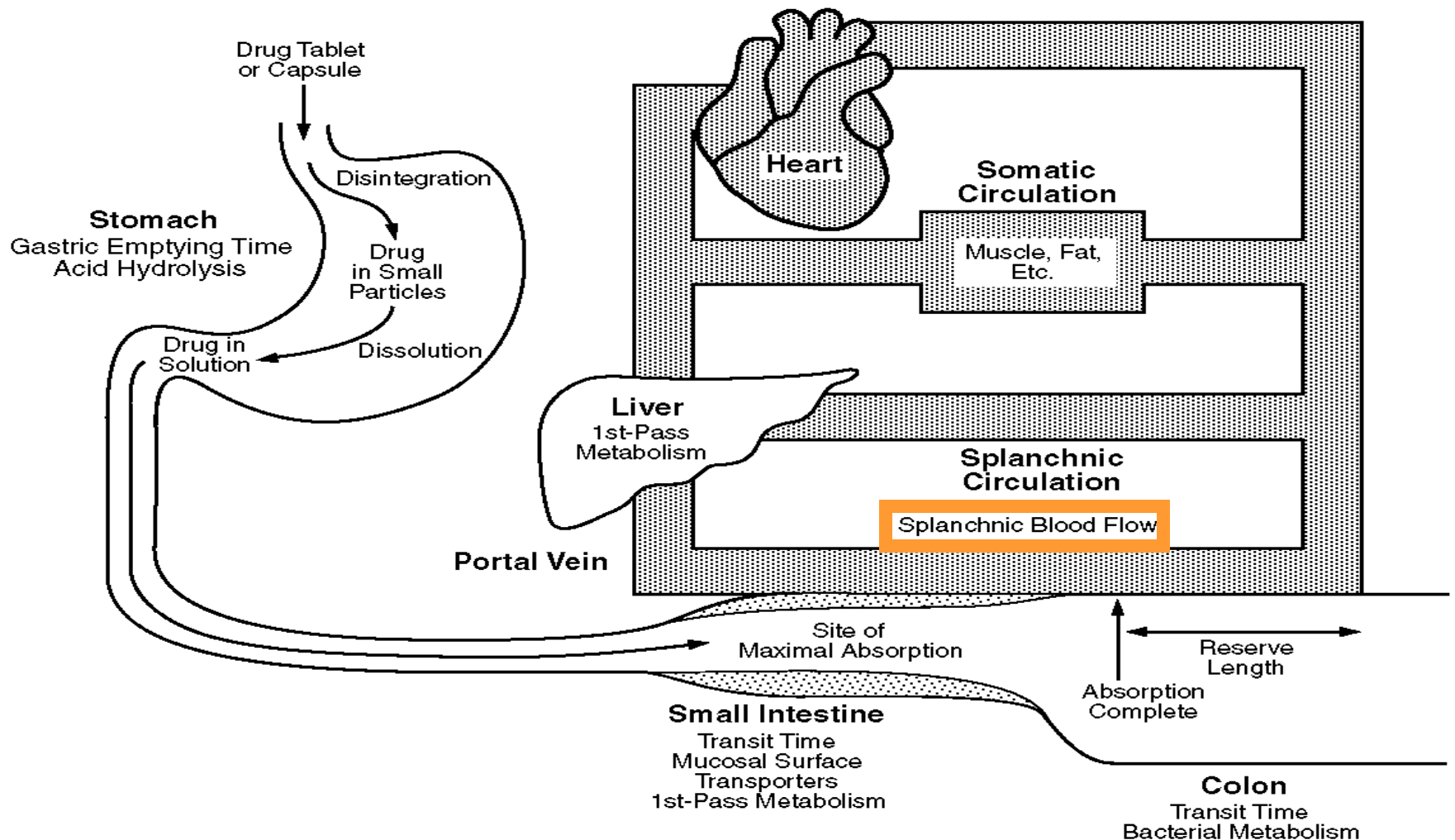
**LIDOCAINE**

**PROPRANOLOL**

# SITES OF FIRST-PASS ELIMINATION

- **INTESTINAL MUCOSA**
  - **P-GLYCOPROTEIN**
  - **CYP ENZYMES**
- **LIVER**
  - **CYP ENZYMES**

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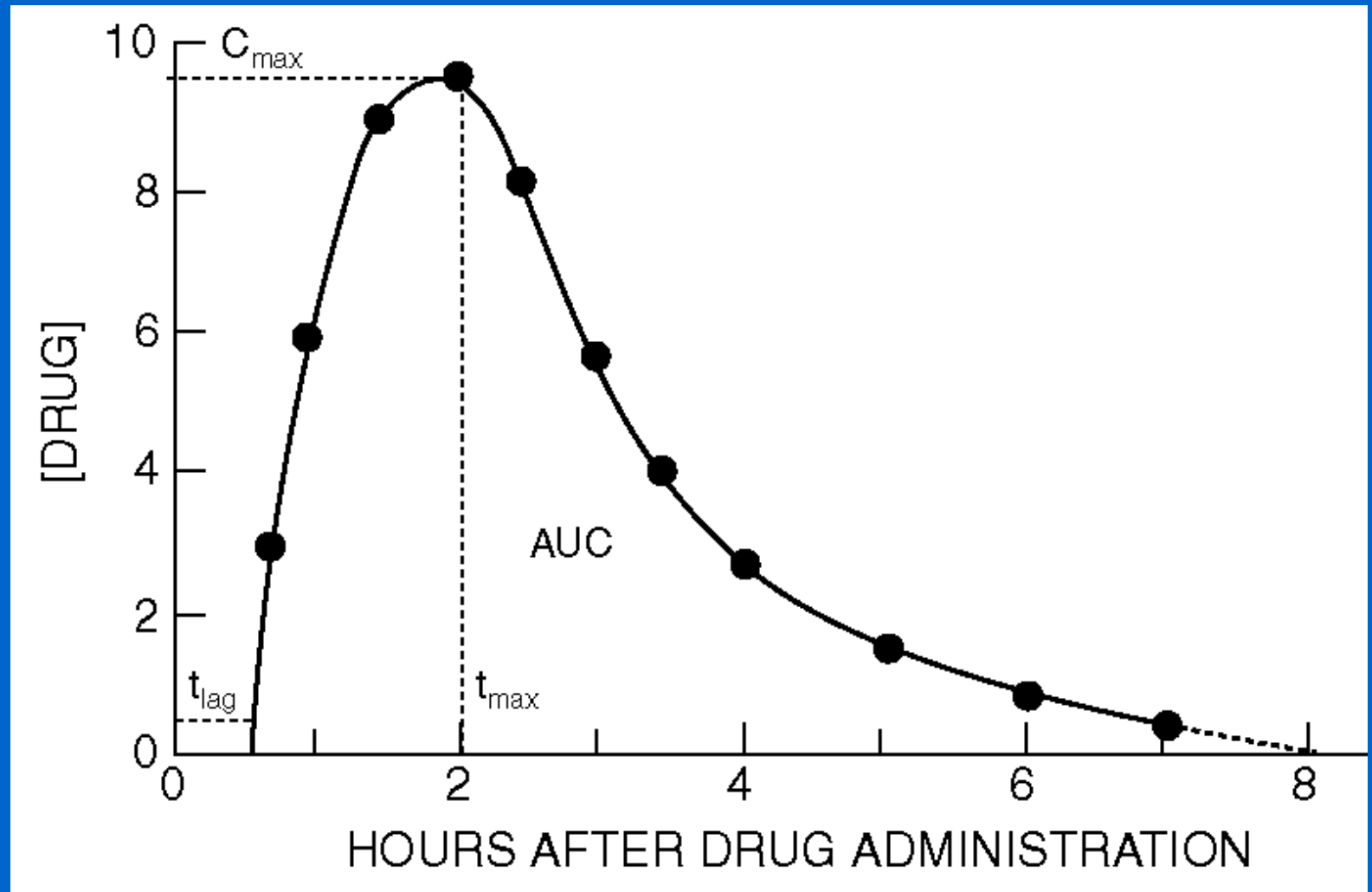
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# BIOAVAILABILITY

BIOAVAILABILITY IS THE *RELATIVE AMOUNT* OF A DRUG DOSE THAT REACHES THE SYSTEMIC CIRCULATION UNCHANGED AND THE *RATE* AT WHICH THIS OCCURS.



# SERUM CONCENTRATION-TIME CURVE AFTER A SINGLE ORAL DOSE



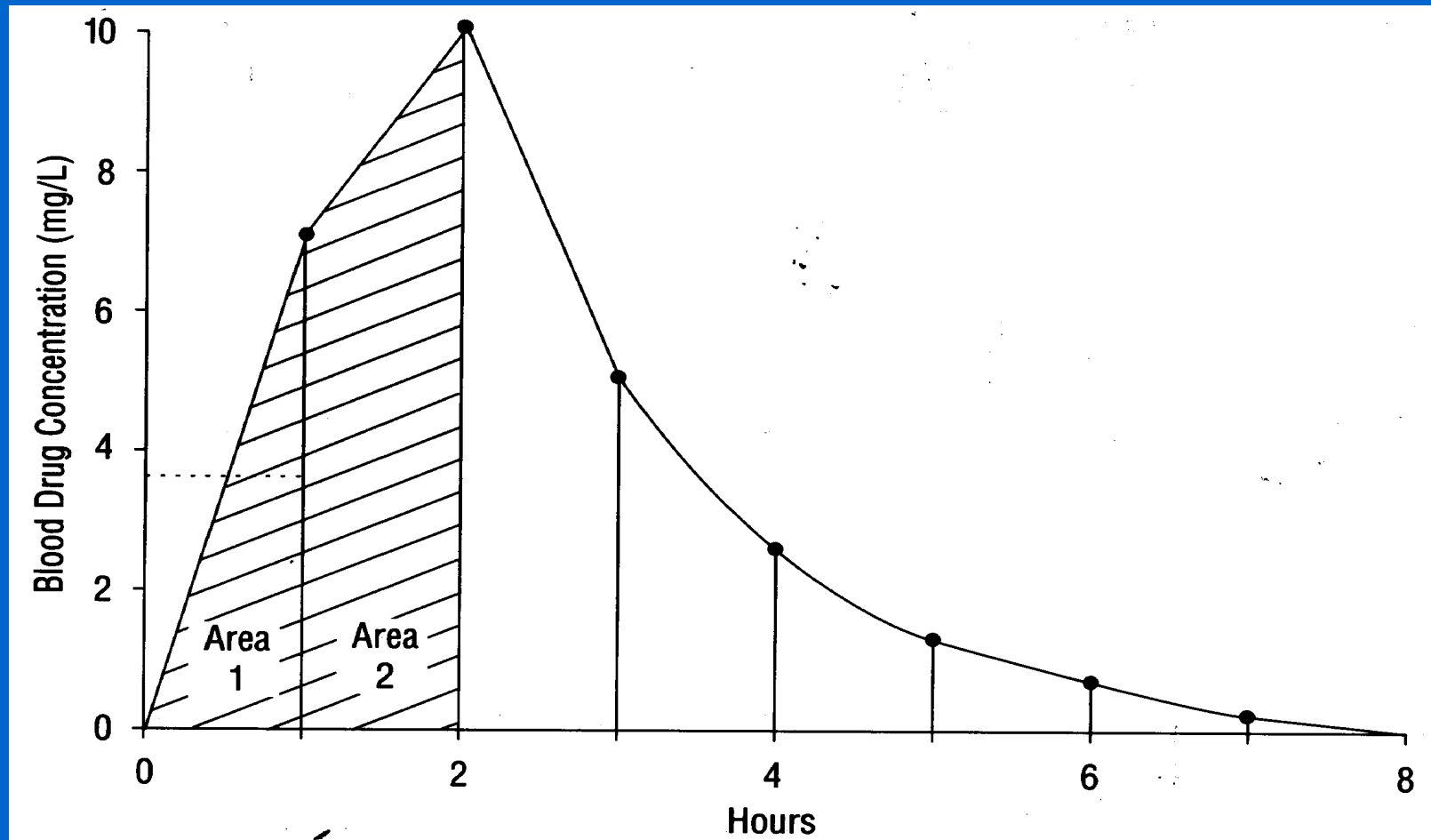
# SIGNIFICANCE OF AUC

$$dE/dt = CL_E \cdot C$$

$$E = CL_E \int_0^{\infty} C \, dt$$

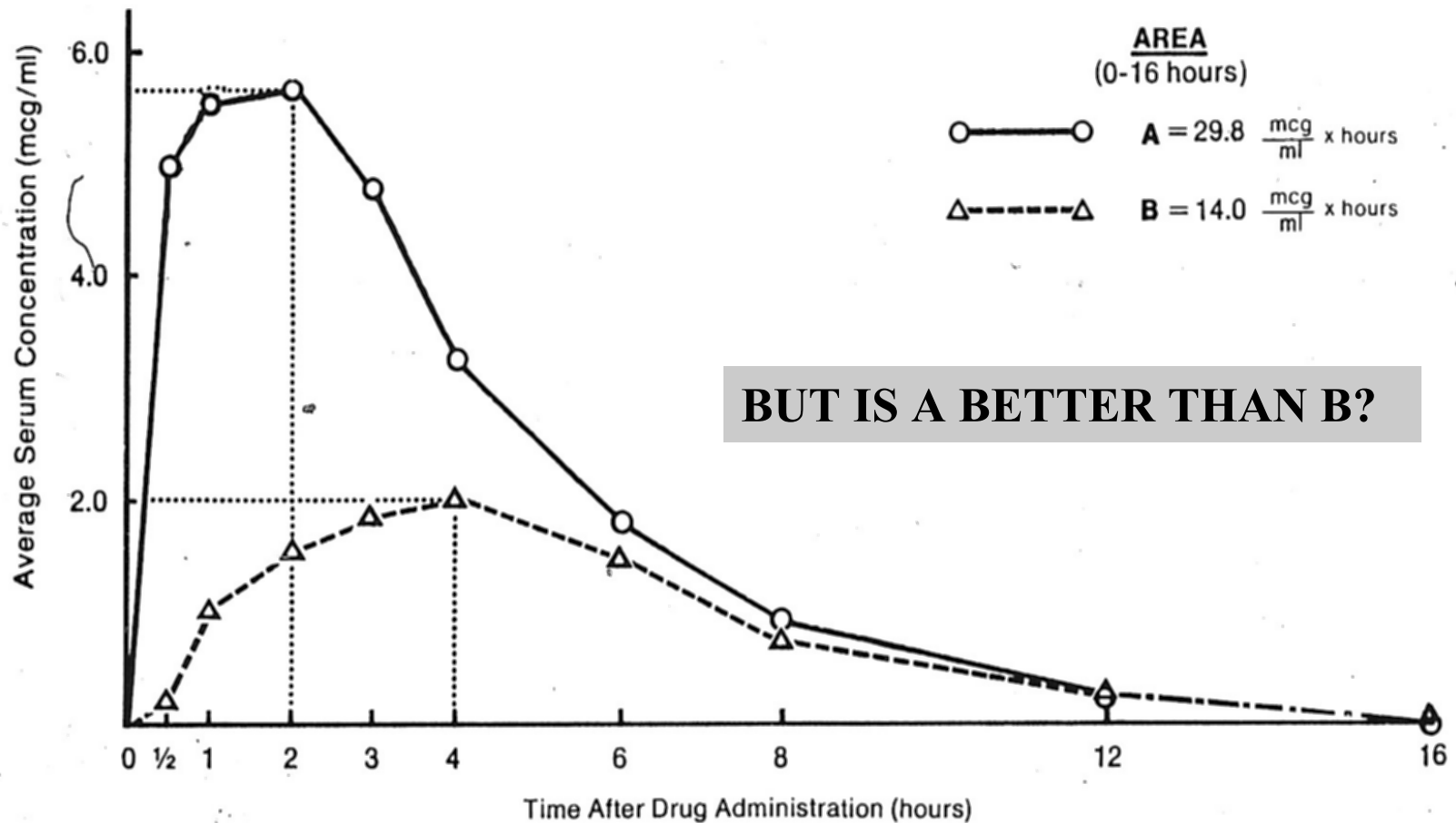
$$D \cdot F = CL_E \cdot AUC$$

# CALCULATION OF AUC BY TRAPEZOIDAL RULE\*



From: Rowland M, Tozer TN. Clinical Pharmacokinetics. p 470.

**AUC A > B**



# ABSOLUTE BIOAVAILABILITY

$$\% \text{ Absorption} = \frac{D_{\text{IV}} \bullet \text{AUC}_{\text{oral}}}{D_{\text{oral}} \bullet \text{AUC}_{\text{IV}}} \times 100$$

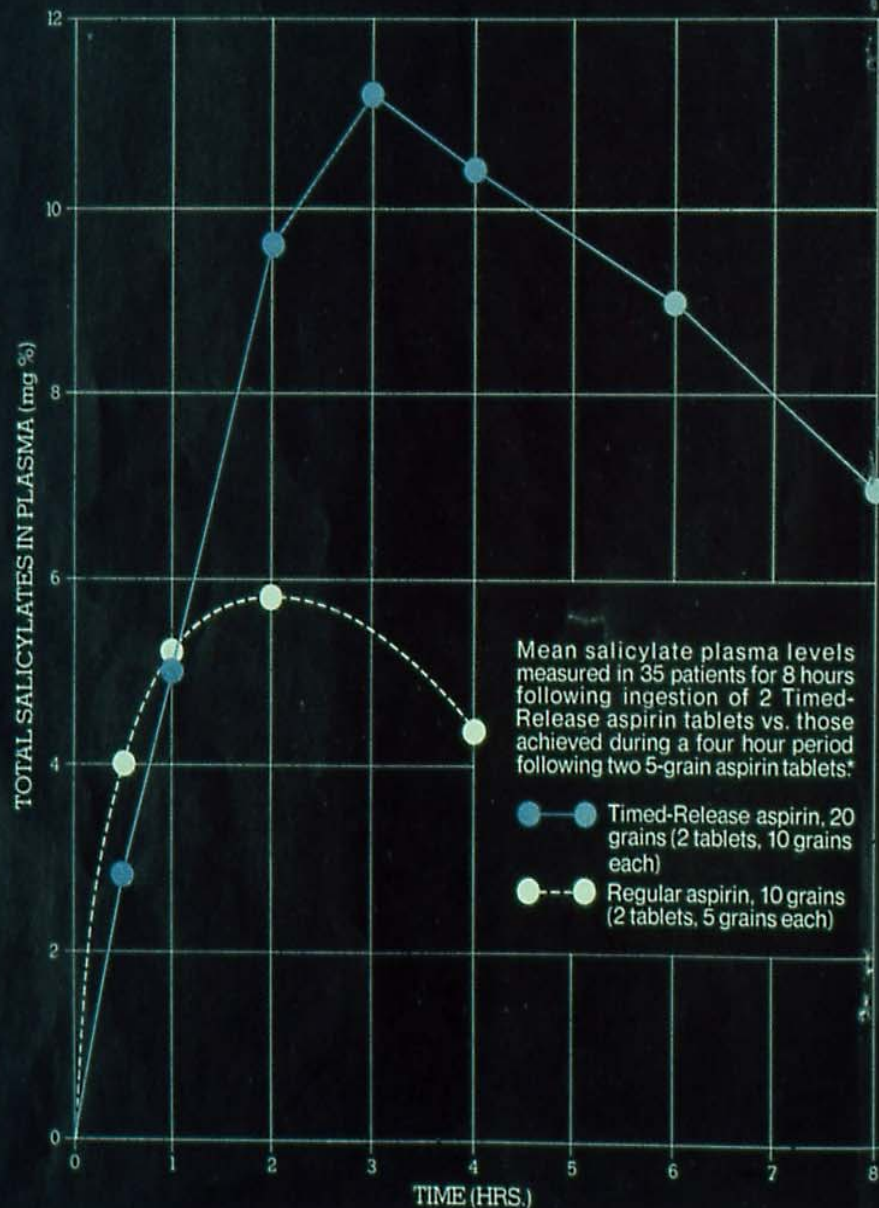
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AN ORAL AND AN IV FORMULATION.**

# RELATIVE BIOAVAILABILITY

$$\% \text{ Relative B.A.} = \frac{D_{\text{Ref.}} \bullet \text{AUC}_{\text{Test}}}{D_{\text{Test}} \bullet \text{AUC}_{\text{Ref.}}} \times 100$$

**COMPARISON HERE IS BETWEEN  
TWO ORAL FORMULATIONS**

# How to keep salicylate blood levels up



## ...even when your arthritis patient isn't.

A shift at bedtime from Bayer\* 5-grain Aspirin to Bayer\* Timed-Release Aspirin can help maintain the consistent serum salicylate levels so important for control of arthritic inflammation and pain—without the need to interrupt sleep.

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**AUC VALUES HAVE TO BE  
NORMALIZED FOR DOSE.**



# ASSESSMENT OF DRUG ABSORPTION RATE

- AUC ESTIMATES CAN BE USED TO ESTIMATE EXTENT OF DRUG ABSORPTION.
- **RECOVERY OF PARENT DRUG IN URINE CAN BE USED TO ESTIMATE EXTENT OF DRUG ABSORPTION.**
- HOW IS ABSORPTION RATE ASSESSED?
  - $T_{MAX}$
  - INTEGRATED PHARMACOKINETIC ANALYSIS OF ABSOLUTE BIOAVAILABILITY.

# BIOAVAILABILITY FROM RENAL EXCRETION OF UNCHANGED DRUG

Since:  $F \bullet D = E$  and  $E = \left( \frac{CL_E}{CL_R} \right) E_R$

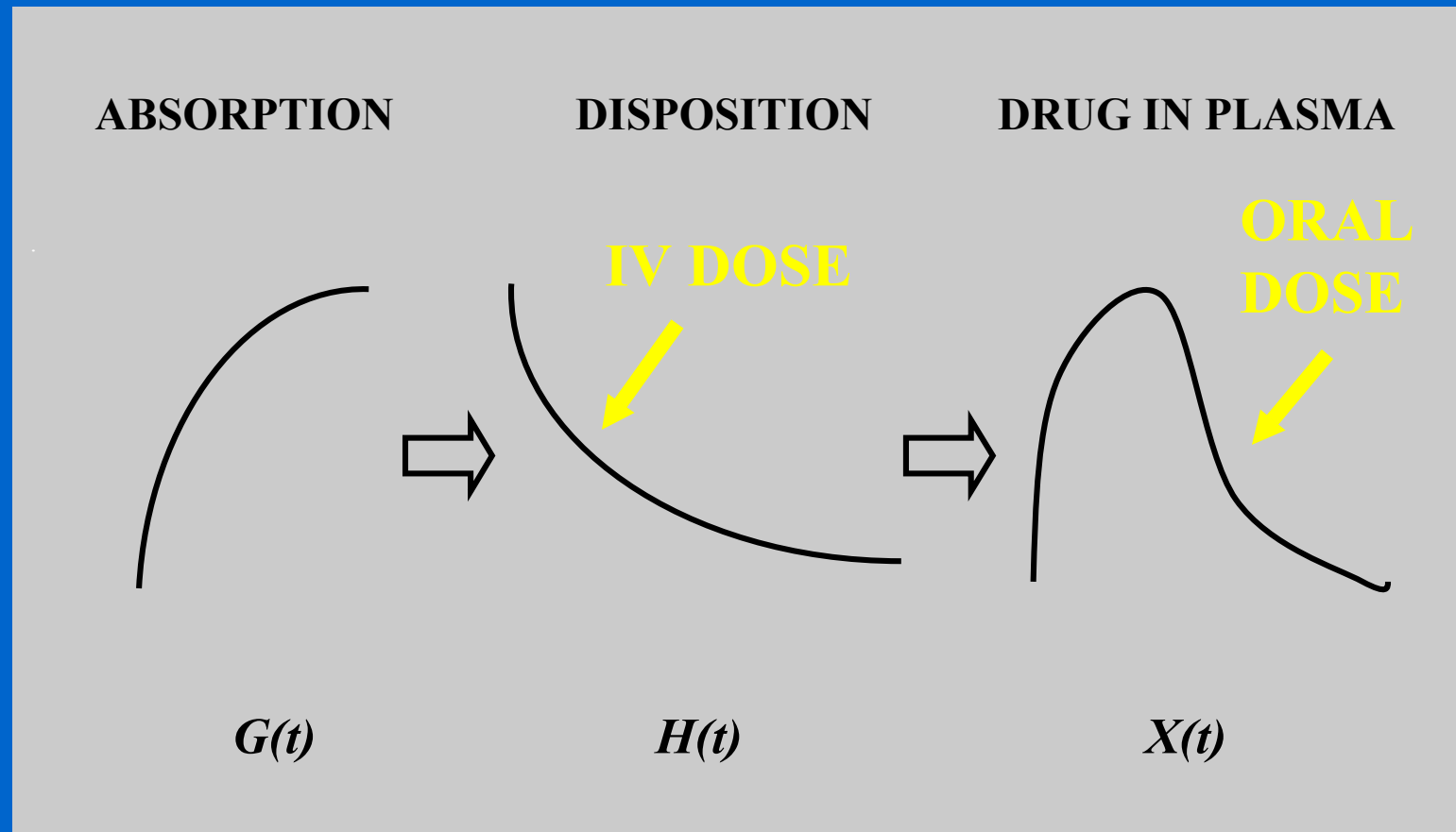
$$F \bullet D_{\text{oral}} = \left( \frac{CL_E}{CL_R} \right) E_{R(\text{oral})} \text{ and } D_{\text{IV}} = \left( \frac{CL_E}{CL_R} \right) E_{R(\text{IV})}$$

$$\text{So: \% Absorption} = \frac{D_{\text{IV}} \bullet E_{R(\text{oral})}}{D_{\text{oral}} \bullet E_{R(\text{IV})}} \times 100$$

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# INTERACTION OF DRUG ABSORPTION AND DISPOSITION PROCESSES



# THE OPERATION OF CONVOLUTION

**INTEGRAL FORM :**  $X(t) = \int_0^t G(\tau) \bullet H(t - \tau) d\tau$

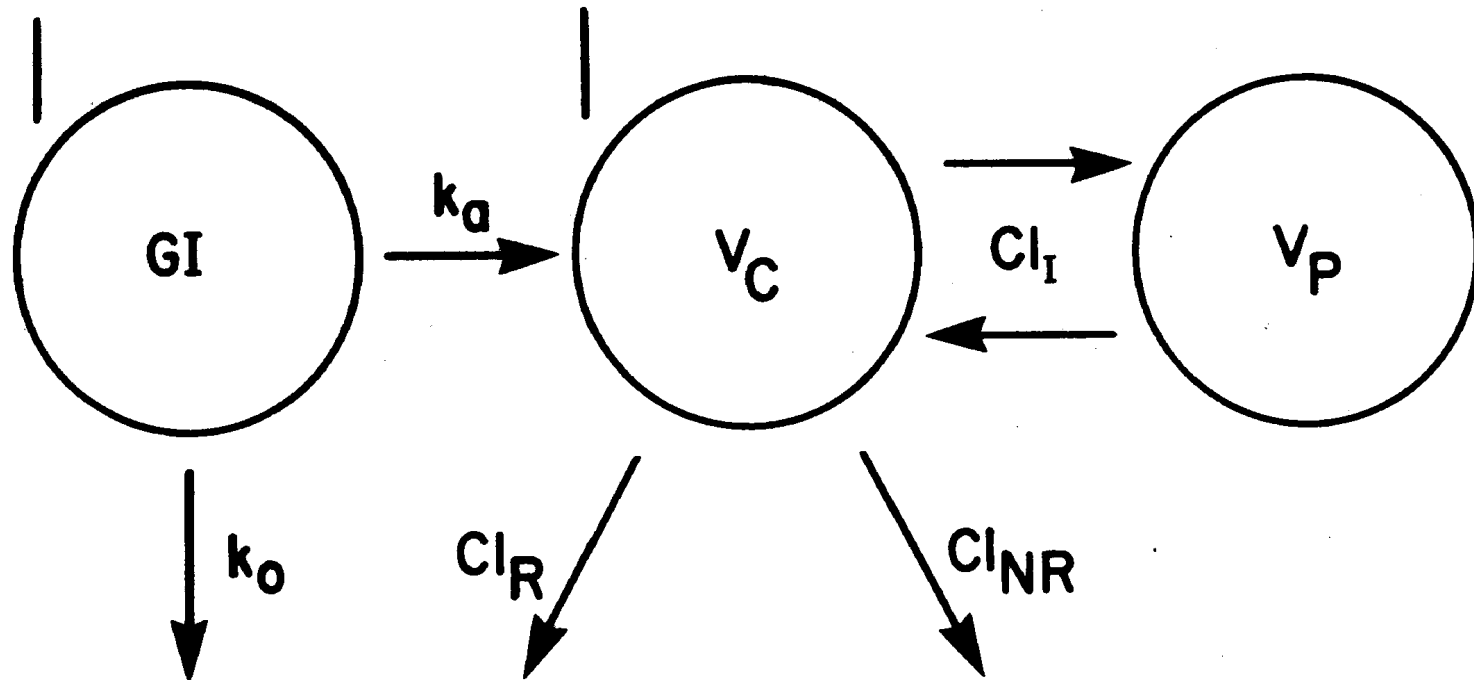
**TIME DOMAIN :**  $X(t) = G(t) * H(t)$

**SUBSIDIARY EQUATION :**  $x(s) = g(s) \bullet h(s)$

# MODEL USED TO ANALYZE KINETICS OF DRUG ABSORPTION

ORAL

INTRAVENOUS



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## CALCULATION OF BIOAVAILABILITY FROM FIRST-ORDER ABSORPTION MODEL

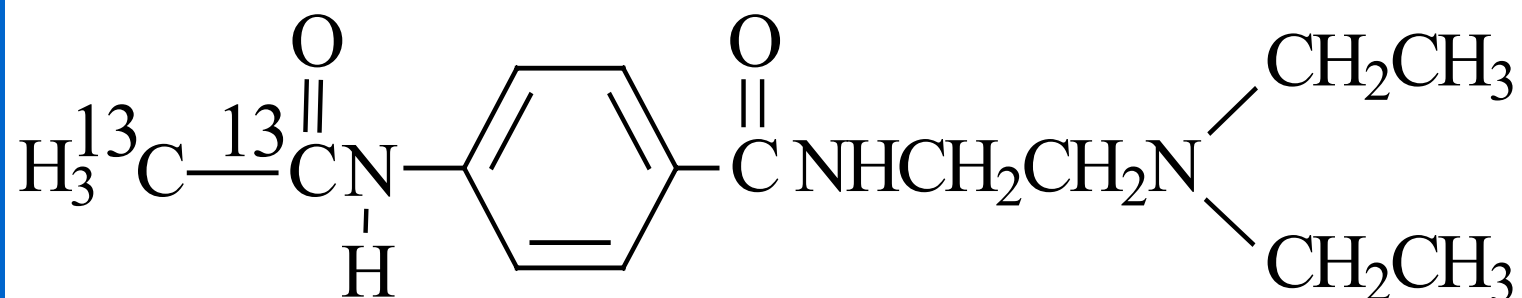
$$F = \frac{k_a}{k_a + k_o}$$

# METHODS FOR ASSESSMENT OF ABSOLUTE BIOAVAILABILITY

- **CONVENTIONAL METHOD: IV AND ORAL DOSES USUALLY GIVEN ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS**
  - **REQUIRES TWO STUDY SESSIONS**
  - **REQUIRES TWO SETS OF BLOOD SAMPLES**
  - **ASSUMES NO CHANGE IN DISPOSITION PARAMETERS BETWEEN STUDIES.**
- **STABLE ISOTOPE METHOD**
  - **ONE STUDY AND SET OF BLOOD SAMPLES**
  - **SPECIAL SYNTHESIS REQUIREMENTS**
  - **MASS SPECTROMETER ASSAY REQUIRED**

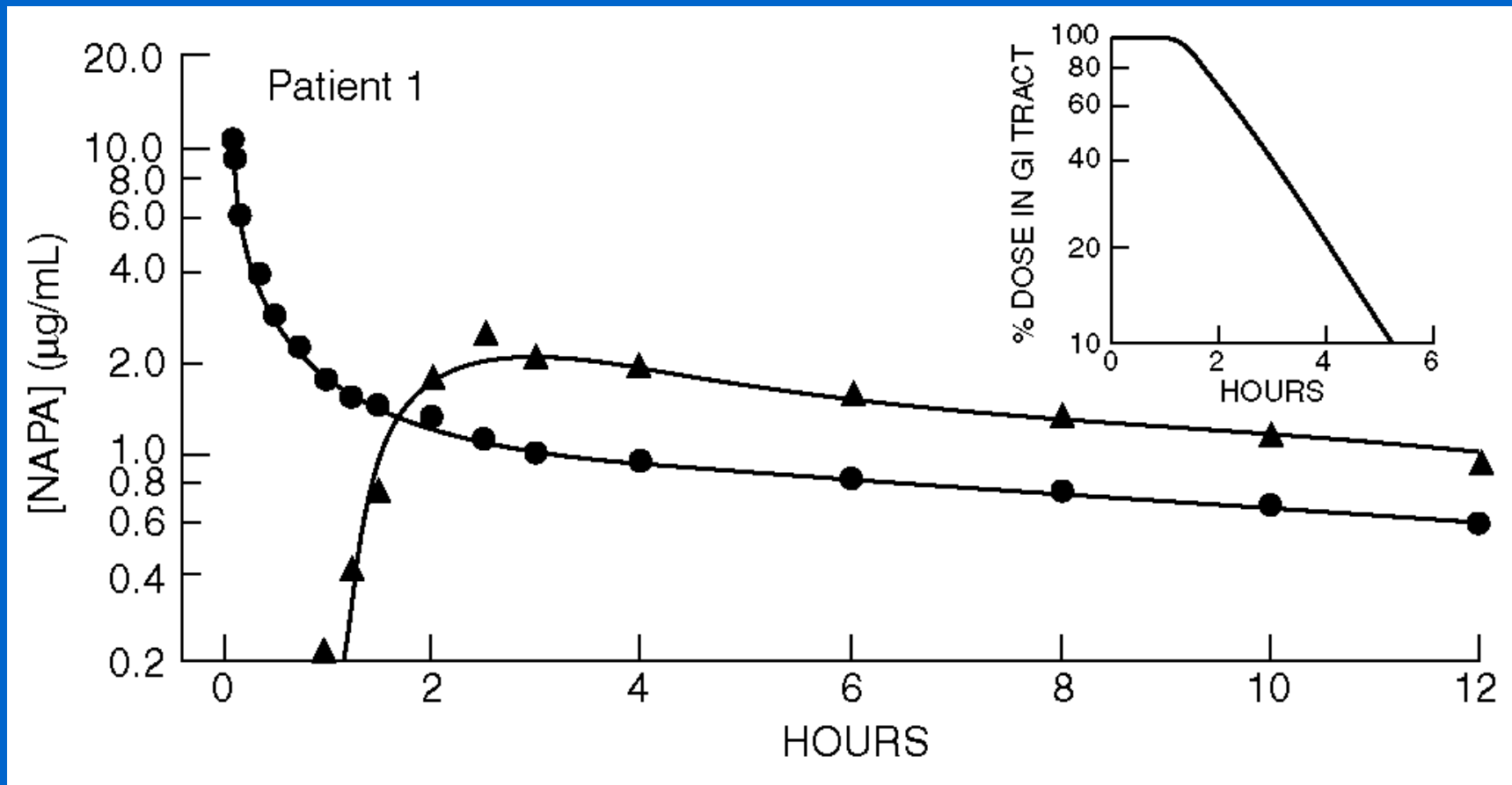


# NAPA-<sup>13</sup>C<sub>2</sub>



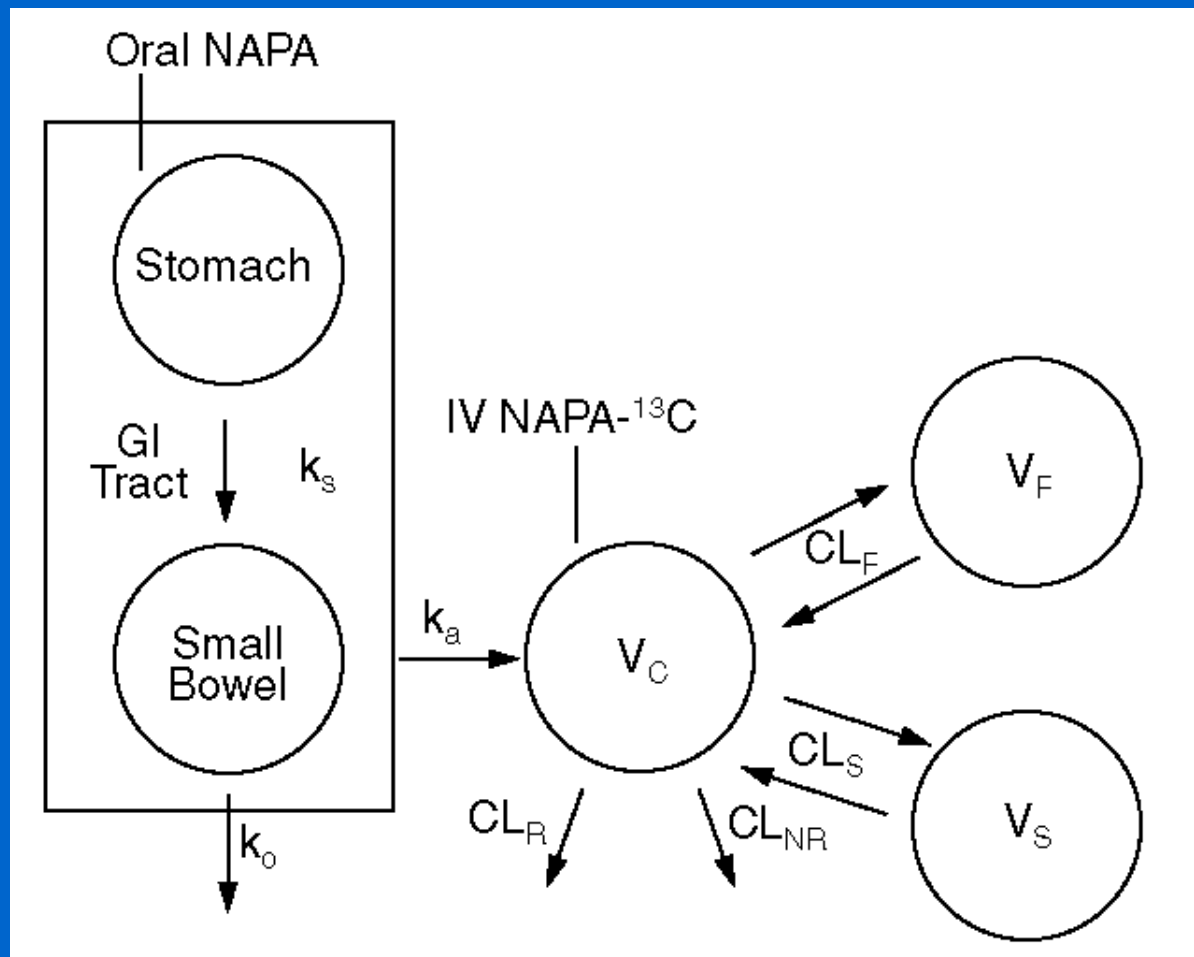
***N*-ACETYLPROCAINAMIDE ( NAPA -<sup>13</sup>C<sub>2</sub>)**

# SIMULTANEOUS ADMINISTRATION OF ORAL NAPA AND IV NAPA-C<sup>13</sup>\*



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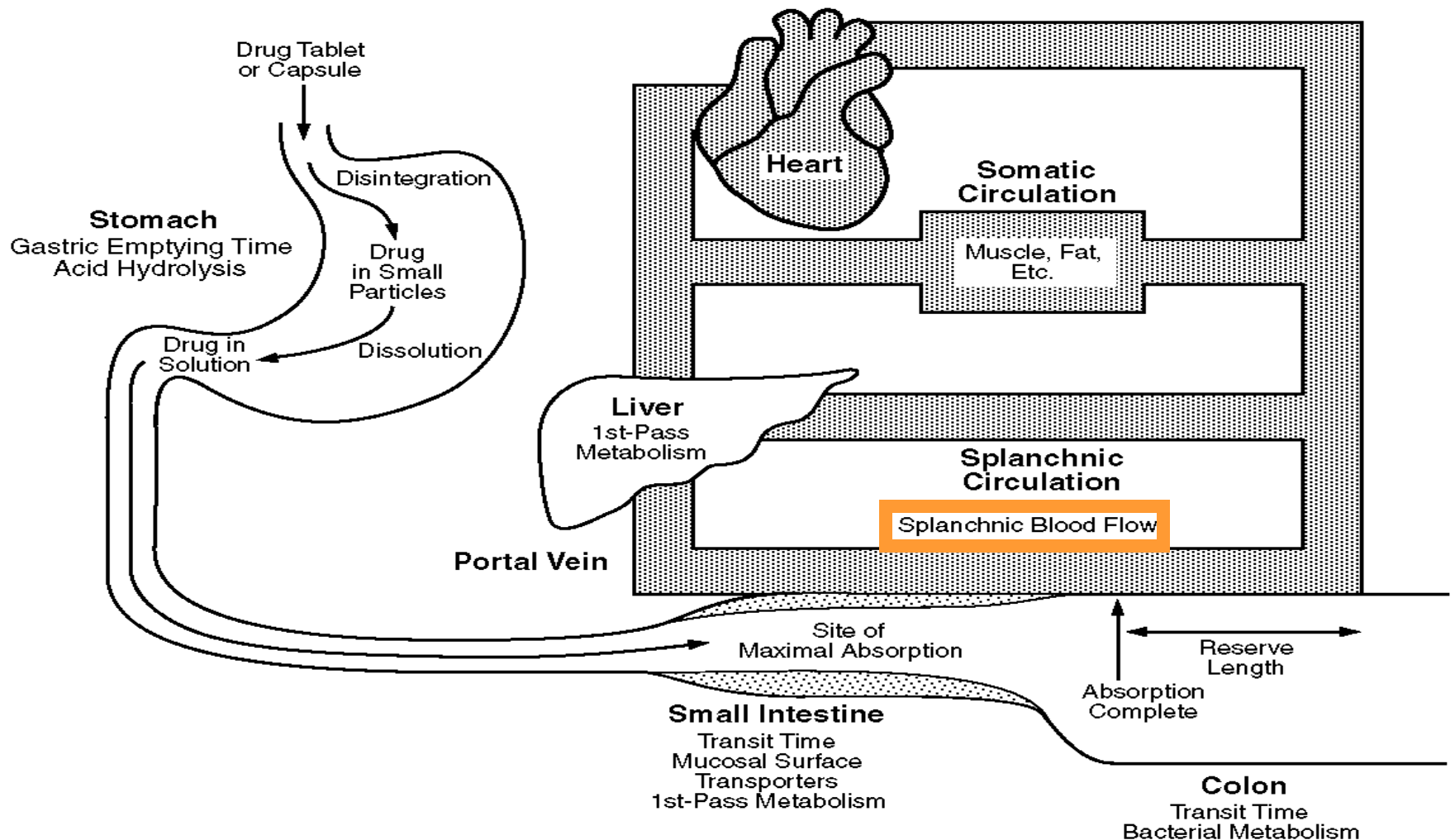


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## BIOAVAILABILITY ESTIMATES FROM KINETIC ANALYSIS AND URINE RECOVERY

PATIENT NUMBER	KINETIC ANALYSIS (%)	NAPA RECOVERY IN URINE* (%)
1	66.1	65.9
2	92.1	92.1
3	68.1	69.9
4	88.2	73.1
5	75.7	75.6
* Corrected for absorption lag time.		

# FACTORS AFFECTING RATE AND EXTENT OF DRUG ABSORPTION



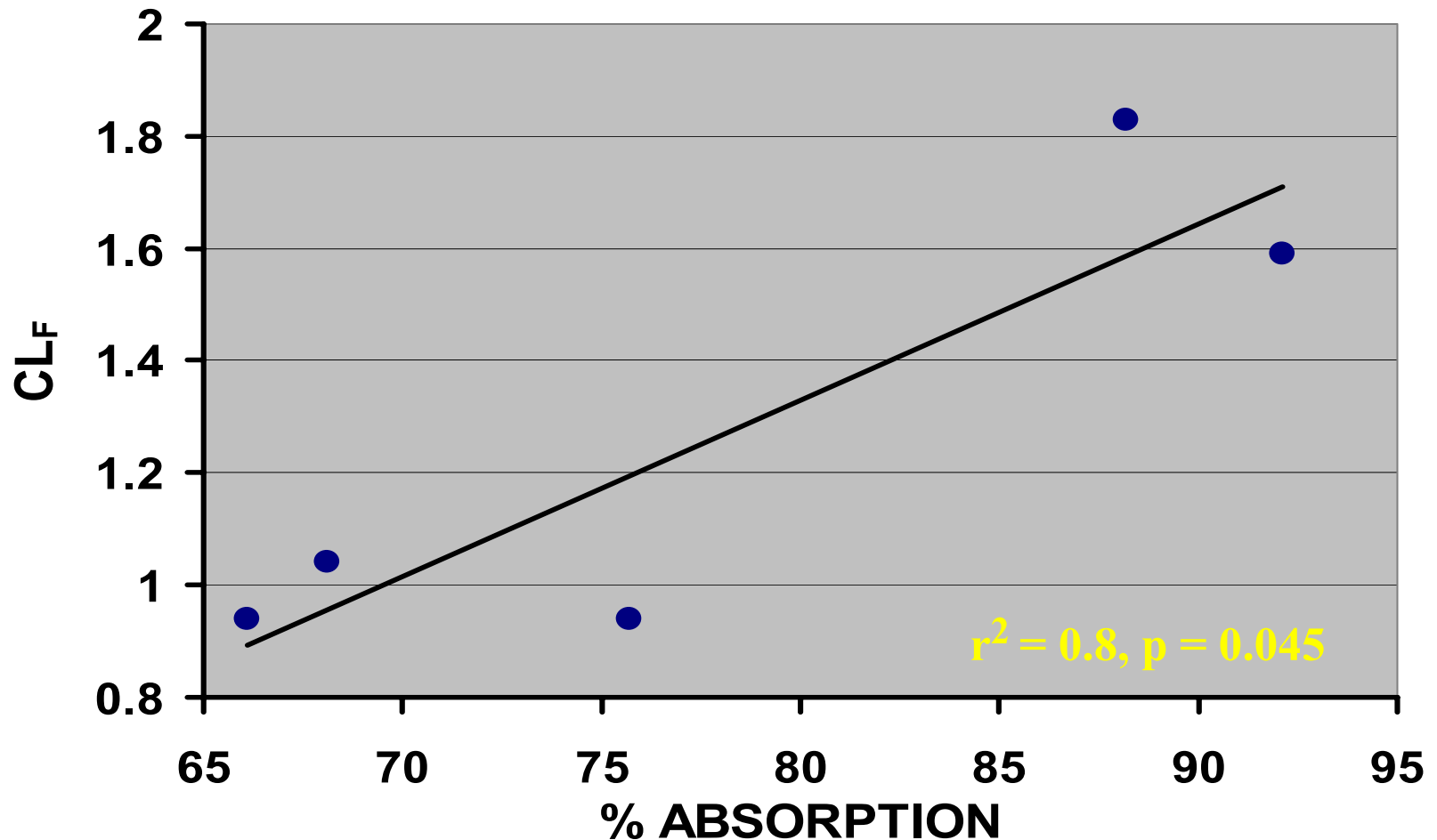
# RENKIN EQUATION\*

$$Cl = Q (1 - e^{-P/Q})$$

**FAST INTERCOMPARTMENTAL CLEARANCE  
IS TO SOME EXTENT DETERMINED BY  
SPLANCHNIC BLOOD FLOW.**

\* From Renkin EM. Am J Physiol 1953;183:125-36.

## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN $CL_F$ AND EXTENT OF NAPA ABSORPTION\*



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## THOUGHTS ABOUT ABSOLUTE BIOAVAILABILITY STUDIES

- ABSOLUTE BIOAVAILABILITY IS USUALLY STUDIED IN HEALTHY SUBJECTS, *NOT* IN THE PATIENT POPULATION FOR WHOM ITS USE IS INTENDED.
- THE STABLE ISOTOPE METHOD IS IDEALLY SUITED FOR STUDIES IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS (e.g. PEDIATRICS, PREGNANT WOMEN) AND OTHER PATIENT GROUPS.



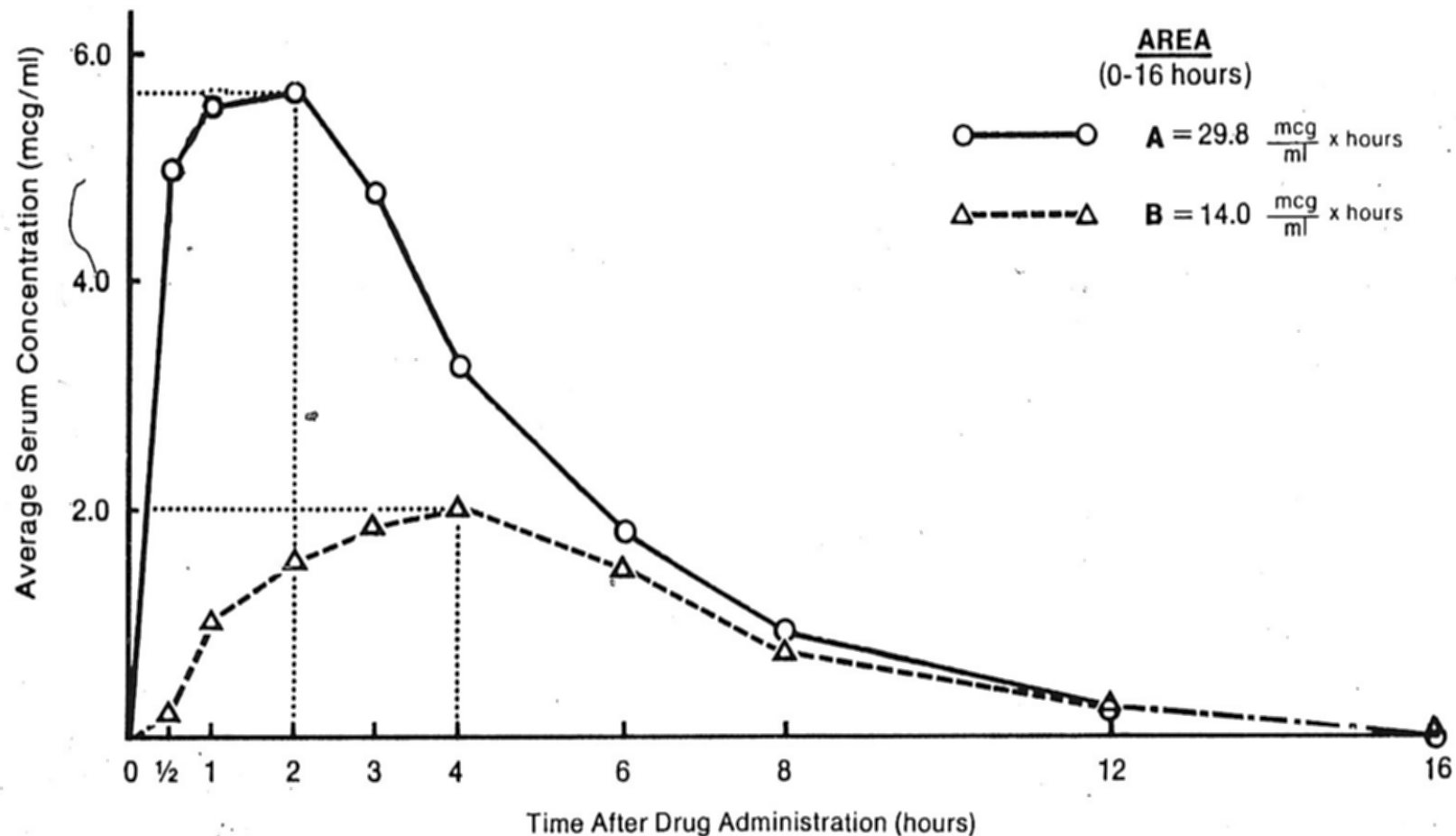
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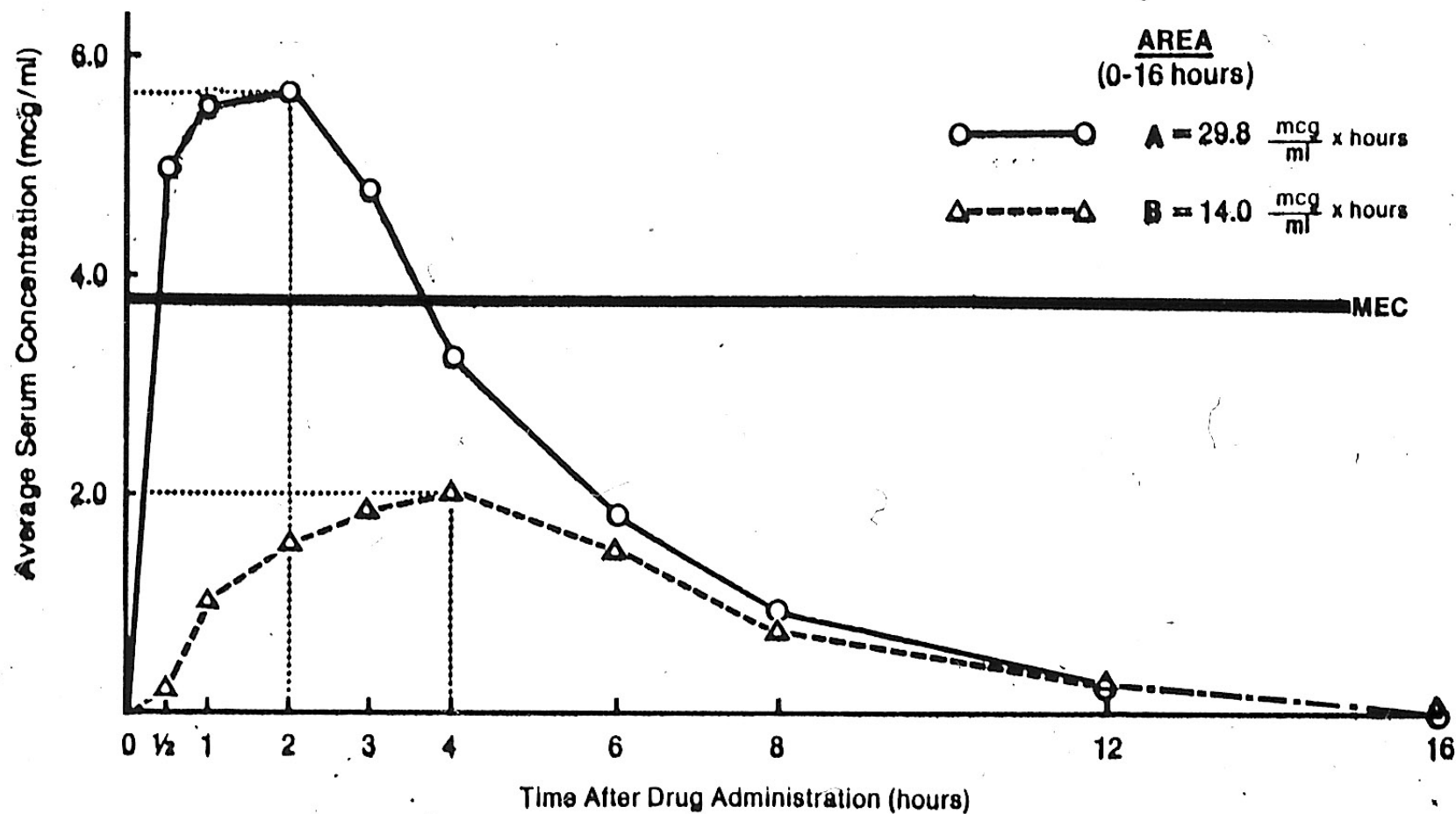
## RELATIVE BIOAVAILABILITY TERMS

- **BIOEQUIVALENCE:** AUC &  $C_{MAX}$  WITHIN 80% - 125% OF REFERENCE COMPOUND
- **BIOINEQUIVALENCE:** GREATER DIFFERENCE IN BIOAVAILABILITY
- **THERAPEUTIC EQUIVALENCE:** SIMILAR CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS & SAFETY
- **THERAPEUTIC INEQUIVALENCE:** IMPORTANT CLINICAL DIFFERENCE IN BIOAVAILABILITY

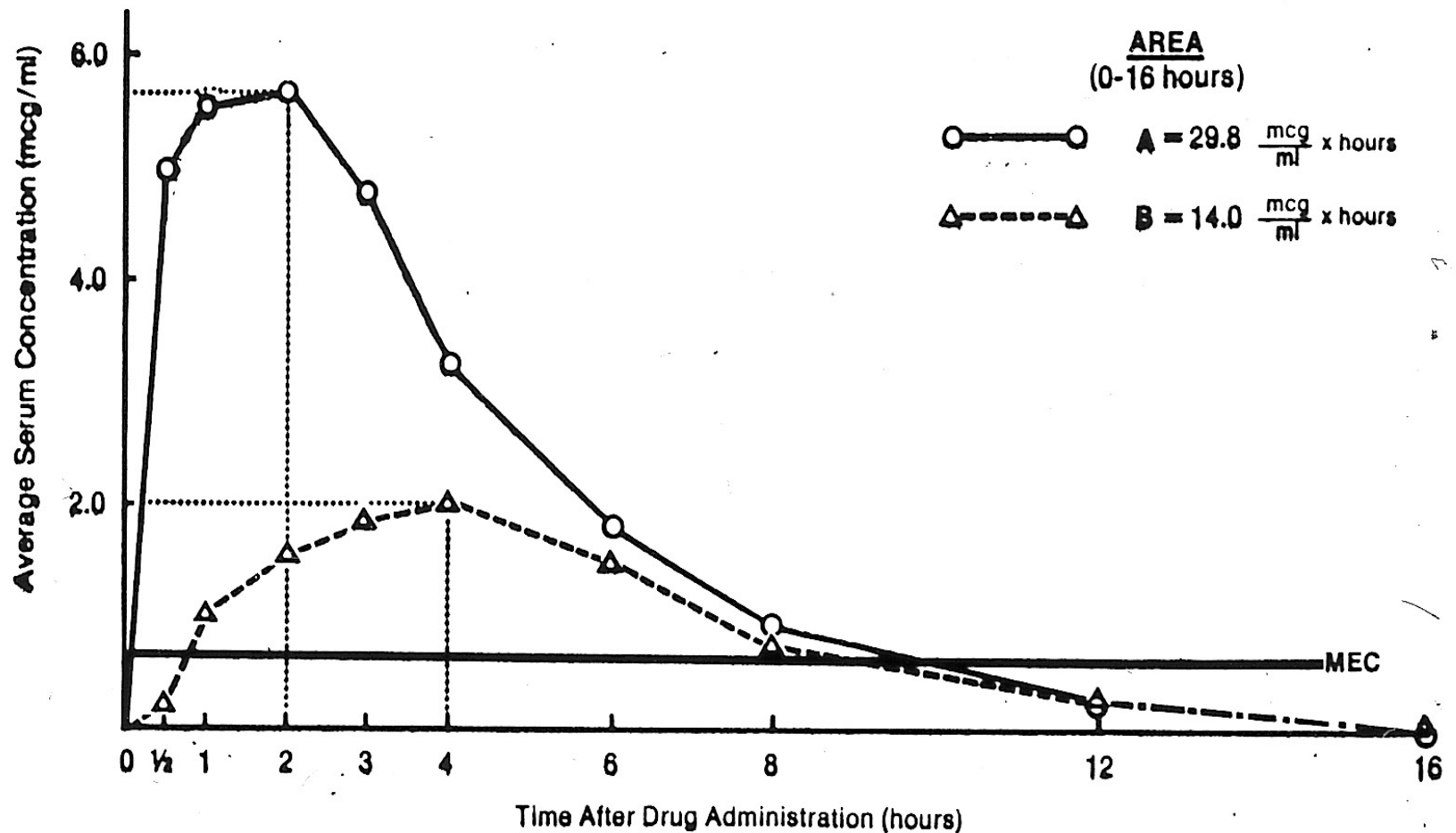
# AUC A > B: ? THERAPEUTIC SIGNIFICANCE



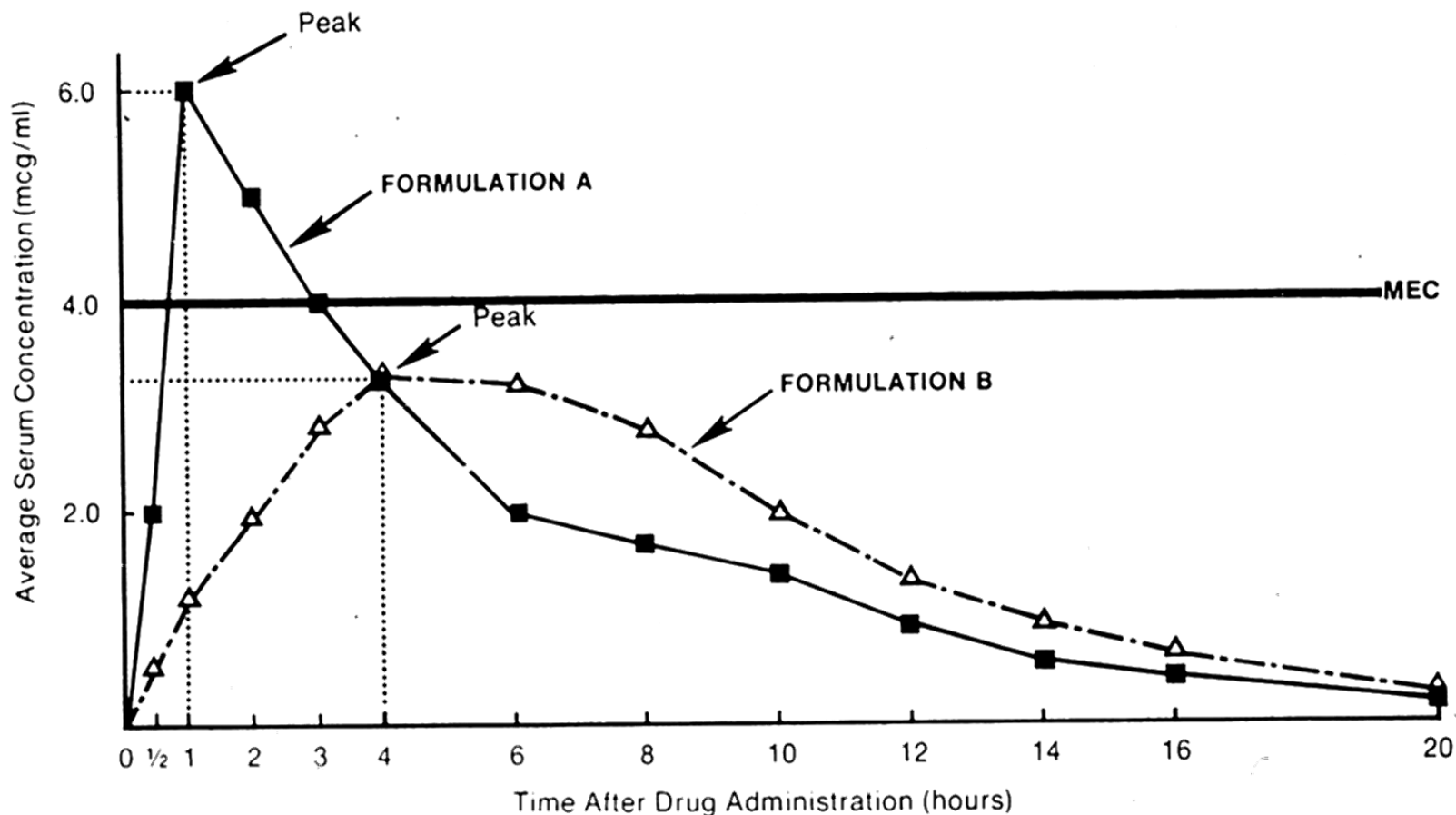
# AUC A > B: B INEFFECTIVE



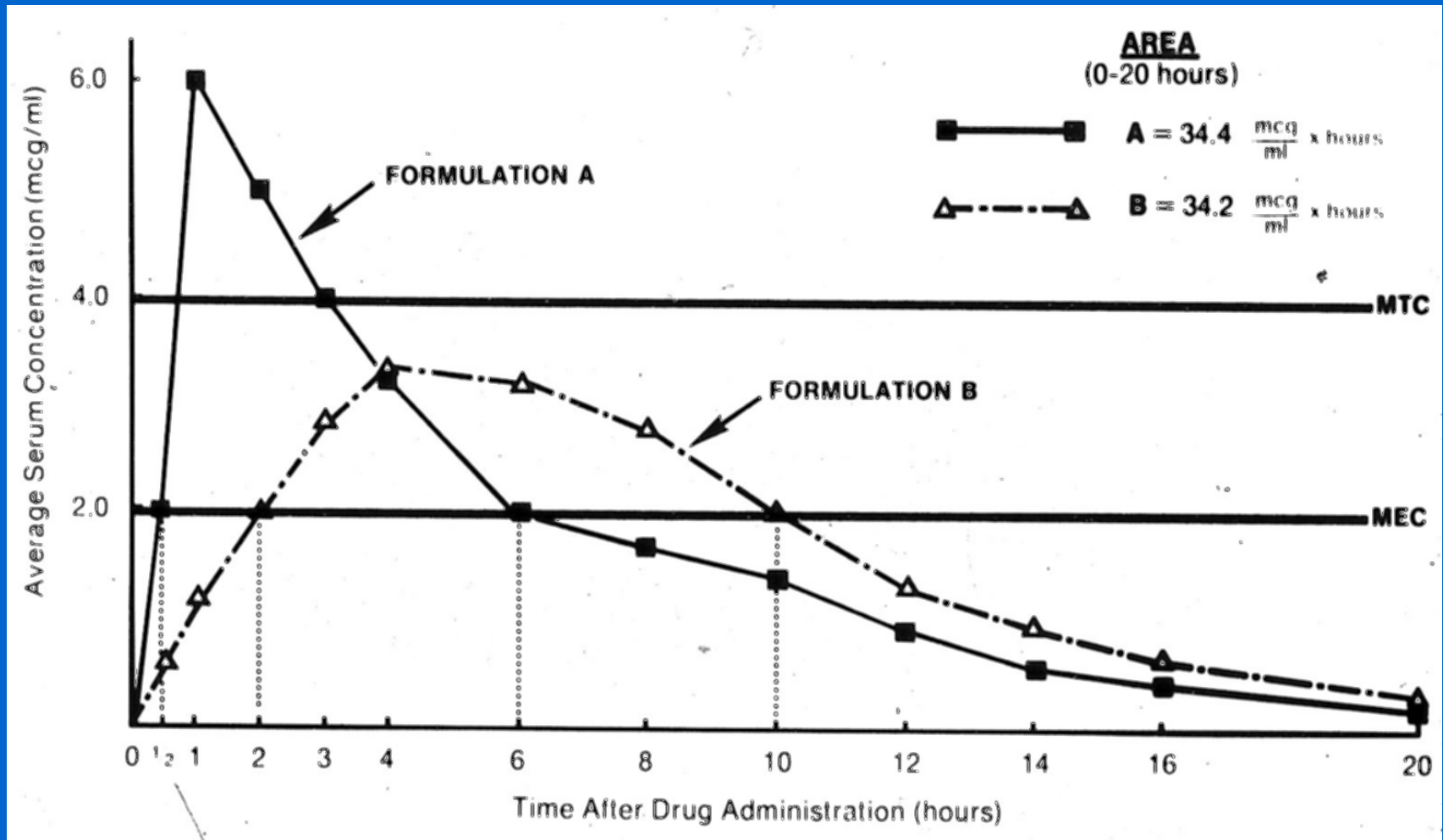
# AUC A > B: A AND B EQUALLY EFFECTIVE



# EQUAL AUC BUT DIFFERENT $k_a$ : B IS INEFFECTIVE



# EQUAL AUC BUT DIFFERENT $k_a$ : A IS TOXIC



# RELATIVE BIOAVAILABILITY CONCLUSIONS

- BIOEQUIVALENCE =  
THERAPEUTIC EQUIVALENCE
- BIOINEQUIVALENCE NOT NECESSARILY =  
THERAPEUTIC INEQUIVALENCE



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# • • • **WHY DRUG DEVELOPMENT FAILS\***

- **UNSUITABLE BIOPHARMACEUTICAL PROPERTIES**
- **UNSUITABLE CLINICAL PK**
- **PHARMACOLOGY DOESN'T WORK IN HUMANS**
- **UNEXPECTED TOXICITY IS ENCOUNTERED**

\* Ronald E. White, Bristol-Myers Squibb (From Good Ligands to Good Drugs, AAPS-NIGMS Symposium, February 19-21, 1998)

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# **BIOPHARMACEUTIC DRUG CLASSIFICATION \***

**CLASS I:**

**HIGH SOLUBILITY-HIGH PERMEABILITY**

**CLASS II:**

**LOW SOLUBILITY-HIGH PERMEABILITY**

**CLASS III:**

**HIGH SOLUBILITY-LOW PERMEABILITY**

**CLASS IV:**

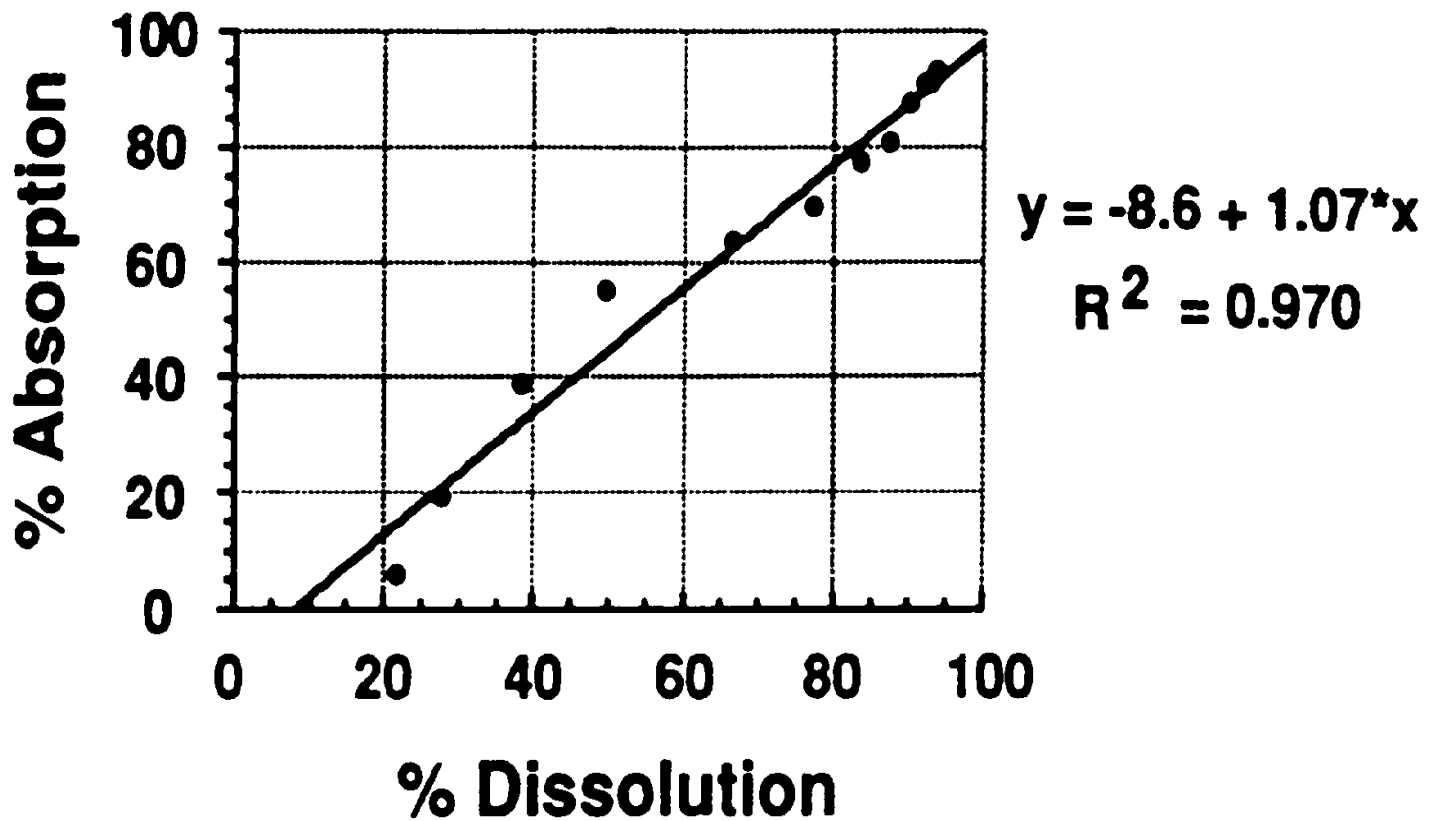
**LOW SOLUBILITY-LOW PERMEABILITY**

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# • • • **THREE CRITICAL BIOPHARMACEUTICAL PROPERTIES**

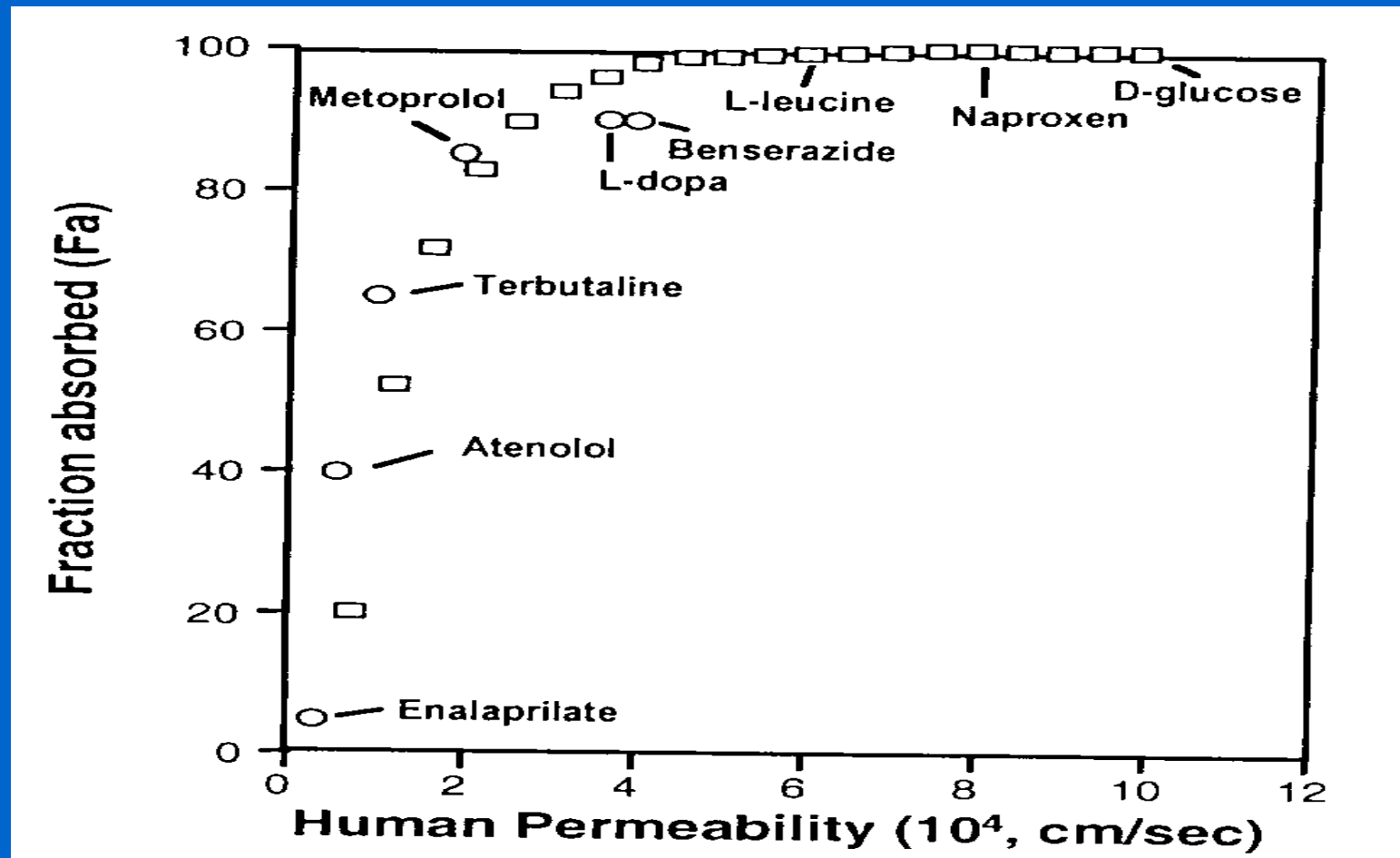
- **DRUG SOLUBILITY RELATIVE TO DOSE**
- **DISSOLUTION RATE OF FORMULATION**
- **INTESTINAL PERMEABILITY OF DRUG**

# CORRELATION OF RATES OF DRUG DISSOLUTION AND ORAL ABSORPTION



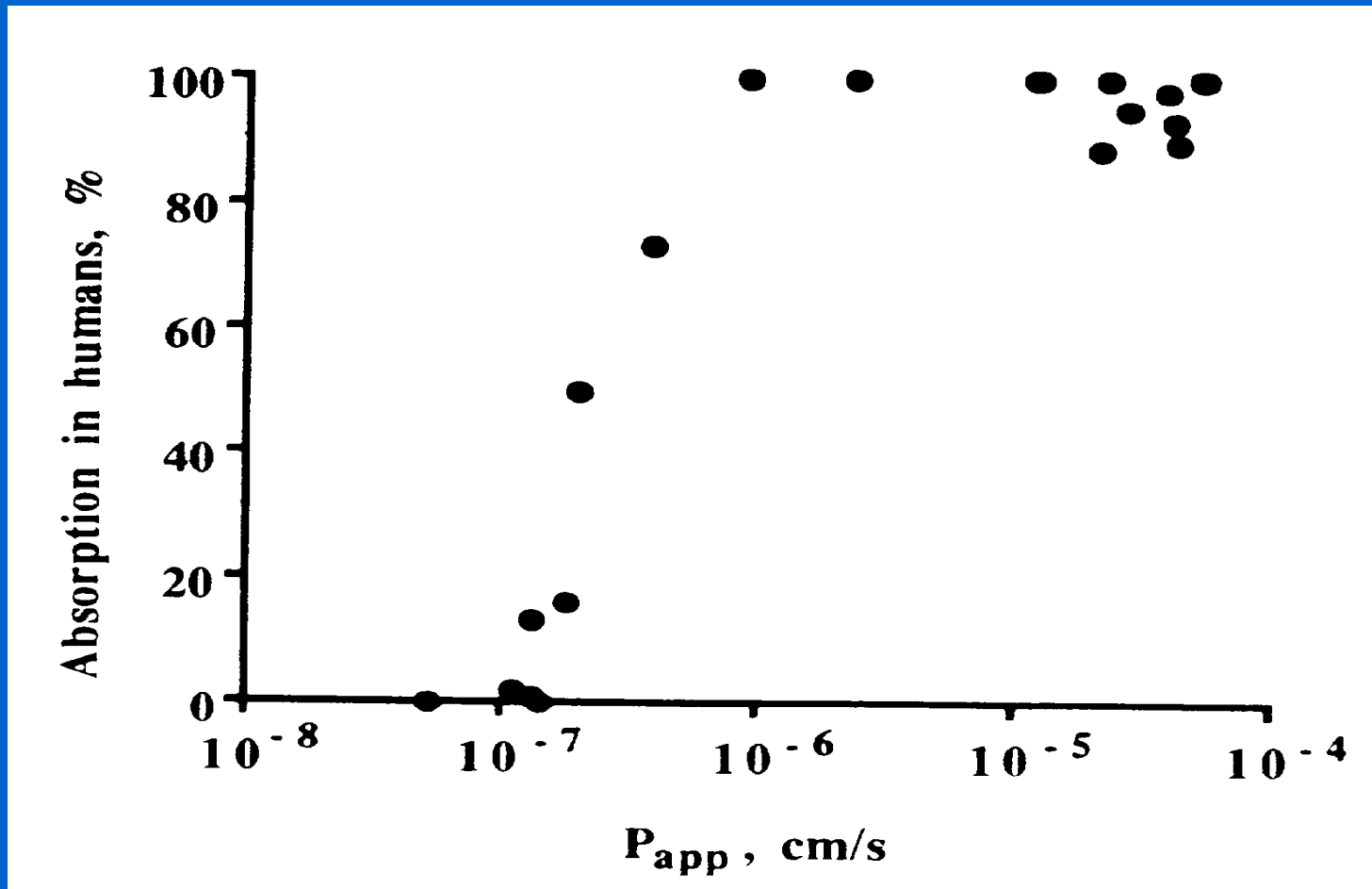
\* From Rackley RJ. In Young D, Devane JG, Butler J, eds. In vitro-in vivo correlations. p. 1-15.

# BIOAVAILABILITY VS. JEJUNAL PERMEABILITY \*



\* From Amidon GL et al. Pharm Res 1995;12:413-20.

# BIOAVAILABILITY VS. Caco-2 CELL PERMEABILITY $P_{app}^*$



\* From Arturson P, Karlsson J. Biochem Biophys Res Commun 1991; 175:880-5.

## DEFICIENCIES OF Caco-2 CELL MODEL

- ↓ PARACELLULAR PERMEABILITY
- ↓ DRUG METABOLIZING ENZYMES & TRANSPORTERS
- NO HEPATIC FIRST-PASS METABOLISM



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## CLASS I:

### HIGH SOLUBILITY-HIGH PERMEABILITY

- *in vitro* – *in vivo* correlation generally good
- *but* no way to account for 1<sup>st</sup> pass metabolism

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## CLASS II:

### LOW SOLUBILITY-HIGH PERMEABILITY

- **rate of absorption limited by dissolution rate**
- ***in vitro* – *in vivo* correlation tenuous since many factors may affect dissolution**

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## **CLASS III:**

### **HIGH SOLUBILITY-LOW PERMEABILITY**

- **Intestinal reserve length is marginal.**
- **If dissolution is rapid, bioavailability will reflect intestinal permeability and transit time.**

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## CLASS IV:

### LOW SOLUBILITY-LOW PERMEABILITY

- *in vitro* – *in vivo* correlation poor
- good bioavailability not expected

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# THE BOTTOM LINE

## CLASS I DRUGS:

### HIGH SOLUBILITY-HIGH PERMEABILITY

- Preferred as development candidates
- FDA may waive repeat *in vivo* testing if initial formulation has good bioavailability\*.

\* Waiver of In Vivo Bioavailability and Bioequivalence Studies for Immediate-Release Solid Oral Dosage Forms Based on a Biopharmaceutics Classification System, CDER Guidance for Industry, August 2000.